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Tension Mounts in Orient Despite Japan's Answer to U.S. Note on Indo-China

Washington, Dec. 6.

THE delicate Far Eastern situation today generated mounting suspense, despite the temporizing answer by Japan to President Roosevelt's inquiries concerning troop movements in Indo-China.

Any act of aggression by these troops probably would precipitate a general war in the Far East. Japan, however, denied troops were there for aggressive purposes—her attitude indicating a desire to keep the situation from boiling over if possible.

But Japan's attitude may change if Russia suffers serious defeats in the near future, or if the Libyan campaign goes badly for Britain reliable observers believed.

The most important thing however, in determining the future of United States-Japanese relations — unless militarists in Indo-China get out of control of the central Government—will be the answer Tokyo makes to Secretary of State Cordell Hull's memorandum of Nov. 26, setting forth basic United States principles and their application in the Far East.

Mr. Saburo Kurusu and Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador, indicated that the reply was being carefully prepared in Tokyo and said that press reports regarding the probable content conveyed more information than their official despatches.

If press reports from Tokyo are borne out, Japan will be unable to accept the Hull document as the basis for negotiations on issues which have brought the United States and Japan to the brink of war.

Japan's formal reply to the United States that her troop concentrations in Indo-China do not exceed treaty limitations, were aimed solely to offset a threatening concentration of Chinese in Yunnan province and were not in a position to menace Thailand may prove unacceptable to the United States until Tokyo proves the truth of her statements by some action, well-informed sources asserted last night.

Whether the current diplomatic conversations will continue or collapse may depend upon the combination of replies to American terms for a Pacific rapprochement, it was stated.

Text of Japanese Reply

Following is the text of the Japanese reply, delivered by Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador:

"Reference is made to your inquiry about the intention of the Japanese

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Troops Recalled From Leave in Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 6.

Army, Navy and Air Force personnel on leave were recalled today by messages flashed on cinema screens, while patrols toured the streets and cafes for the same purpose.

An official statement says: "Further precautionary defence measures taken in Malaya today are those normally taken on completion of mobilization of volunteers which began on December 1."

It indicated that there has been no sudden change in the situation. The only troops out of barracks were those given temporary leave despite the recent order to remain in barracks.—Reuter.

Naval Men Recalled

Singapore, Dec. 6.

All naval officers and ratings here today were recalled to their ships as the Far Eastern crisis heightened.

Naval men from all parts of Singaport were flocking to their ships, terminating their first time ashore in many weeks.

The United Press heard one officer remark "I suppose we are going to fight the Japanese now."—United Press.

Non-Britons Forbidden to Leave

Singapore, Dec. 6.

The Government today prohibited non-British subjects from leaving Malaya without "special permission."

Approximately 20 Japanese business men already aboard the Thai steamship company's vessel due to sail for Bangkok today at 10.30 a.m. were ordered ashore, bag and baggage.

The Japanese passengers detained included Domei and "Nichi Nichi" correspondents.

The decree was issued urgently and unexpectedly, just prior to the ship's sailing time, it was understood.

Informed sources intimated there would be an investigation with surprising revelations in the nearest future, involving activities of the Japanese Consulate.—United Press.

U. Saw's Departure Again Postponed

San Francisco, Dec. 6.

The Anzac Clipper, carrying Burma's Premier, U Saw, to the Far East, yesterday developed mechanical trouble while 400 miles west of San Francisco and was forced to return to its Treasure island base.—United Press.

Britain Now At War With Nazi Allies

London, Dec. 6.

Great Britain will be at war against Finland, Rumania and Hungary as from one minute past midnight tonight, it is officially announced.

Following the expiration of the time limit set by Britain's "last chance" note, the Finnish Minister in London, M. George Gripenberg, who has been here nine years, was today preparing to return to Helsinki with the Legation staff.

His departure will release the former British Minister to Finland, Mr George Vereker, and his staff which has been staying in Lisbon by arrangement until M. Gripenberg left London.

Unsatisfactory Finnish Reply

The reply from the Finnish Government was considered entirey unsatisfactory, making it clear that Finland had no intention of complying with the conditions laid down in the British note.

No replies have been received from the Rumanian or Hungarian Governments.

During Friday night communications were sent from London to all three governments and these were to be delivered today by the American minister in each of the three capitals, intimating that a state of war will exist as from one minute past midnight. The text of the three notes will be published later.—Reuter.

Finns Under German Control

London, Dec. 6.

Great Britain today announced the existence of a state of war with Finland, Rumania and Hungary as a result of the rejection by the three German allies of Britain's demands that they cease fighting against Soviet Russia.

It was understood that the declaration of a state of war will have no actual military significance.

With regard to Finland, the British did not want to declare war but they regarded the Finns as being so completely under German control that the Helsinki Government was merely acting as a spokesman for the Germans.

Similar action against Rumania and Hungary followed automatically.

It was officially announced that "no satisfactory replies having been received from the Finnish, Hungarian and Rumanian Government to notes addressed to them last week, communications are being sent to these three Governments which will result in existence of a state of war. A further statement will be made tonight."

Communiques to Capitals

Formal announcements that a state of war exists between Britain and the three nations have been made in communiques to Helsinki, Bucharest and Budapest, it was announced

Widening of the European conflict to include the three nations climaxed weeks of negotiations during which Britain vainly sought, with United States aid, to persuade Finland, Rumania and Hungary to cease aiding Germany against Soviet Russia, Britain's ally.

German Radio broadcasts announced that both Hungary and Rumania had rejected the British ultimatum.

Britain had warned that failure to withdraw troops from the eastern front would mean that Britain would regard herself at war with the three German allies.—United Press.

Dominions Consulted

London, Dec. 6.

The British Government is now informing the Dominions that the last efforts to bring Finland, Rumania and Hungary out of the war have failed and that Britain must declare that a state of war exists between them and this country, says "The Times" diplomatic correspondent.

Drawing a striking contrast between the attitude of the Finns and that of the present Polish Government, the "News Chronicle" points out that Poland as well as Finland suffered from the Russian invasion but Poland, unlike Finland, has through Gen. Sikorski shown a breadth of vision which promises well for the future.

Commenting that in Moscow the old hatchet had been finally buried and that new friendship and co-operation are foreshadowed by the Russo-Polish declaration of mutual assistance, the daily concludes:

"The two states pledged themselves to wage war until the final destruction of the German invaders and to maintain neighbourly relations when the war is over."—Reuter.

Hungarian Reaction

London, Dec. 6.

A state of war existed between Britain and Hungary, according to an announcement by the Hungarian Premier, M. Bardossy, in the Hungarian House last night.

The Premier dwelt on the alleged Bolshevik danger to Europe and civilization, and concluded: "I am firmly convinced that the decision of the British Government will find the whole Hungarian nation united in forming an opinion about the decision and in undertaking the consequences involved.

"I would ask the House to acknowledge my statement in this spirit."

Budapest Radio states that the House unanimously approved Bardossy's statement.—Reuter.

Asama Maru to Visit Singapore

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

The Asama Maru will leave Japan on December 11 for Singapore and Sandakan "for the purpose of evacuating Japanese nationals," it was officially announced here yesterday. This will be the second evacuation vessel to visit Singapore.

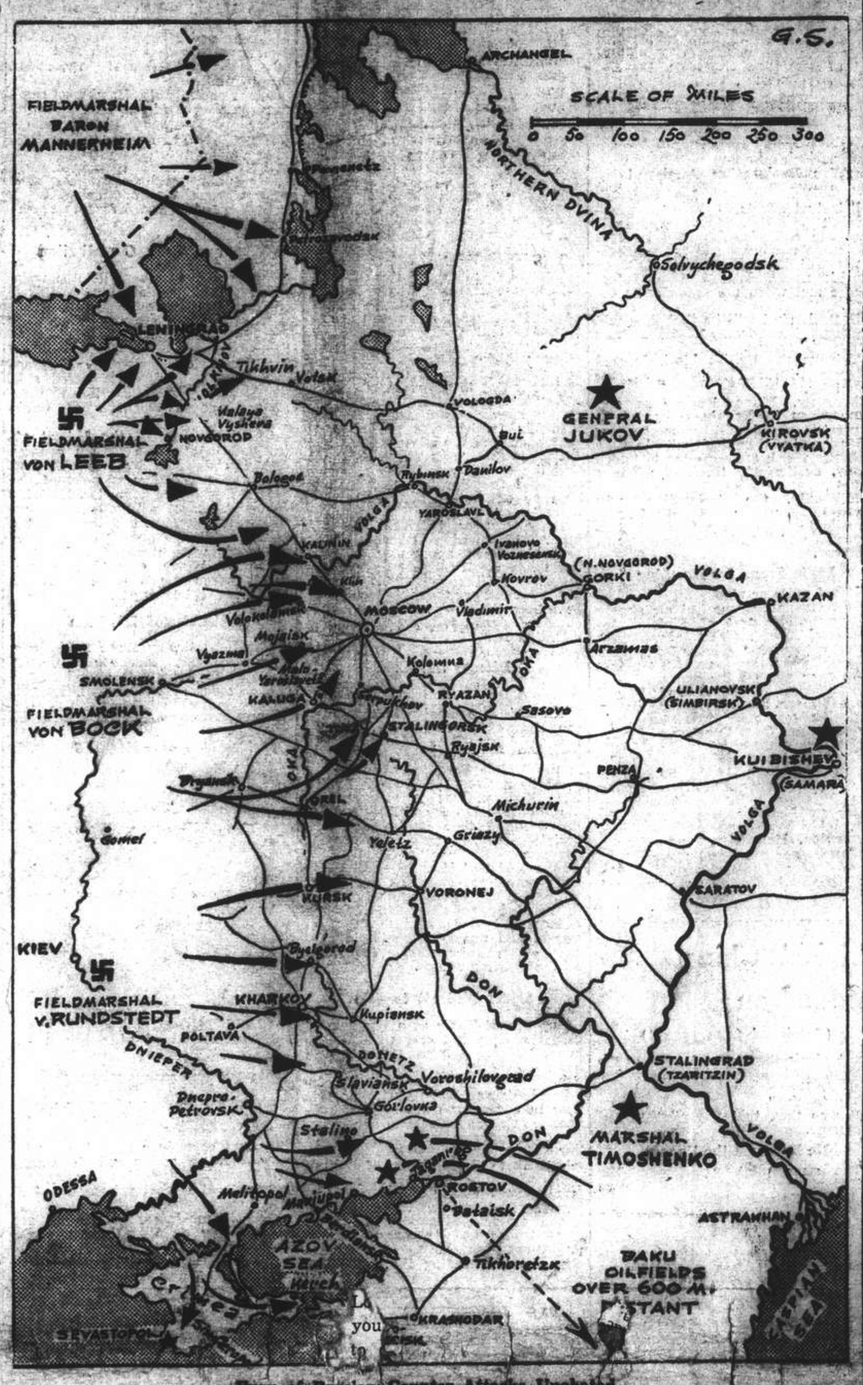
Simultaneously it was officially announced that the Tatuta Maru, now en route across the Pacific, will call at Manzanillo, Mexico, in addition to Los Angeles and Balboa, for the purpose of evacuating Japanese nationals. The vessel will arrive in San Francisco on December 14.—United Press.

Canada to Declare War on Finland

Ottawa, Dec. 6.

Canada will follow the United Kingdom in declaring war on Finland, Rumania and Hungary, it is authoritatively reported.

Believing these countries to be subservient to Germany, the declaration will not involve internment of their nationals in Canada unless they are dangerous.—Reuter.



Fury of Russian Counter-Attacks Unabated

German forces retreating westward from Rostov on the Don were given no rest as Marshal Timoshenko's troops continued their victorious drive in the southern sector. The Russians claim the capture of Kuibishevo, situated between Stalino and Mariupol, in a southward drive from Stalino aimed at cutting off the retreating Germans. The Nazis, however, deny that the Russians have advanced beyond Taganrog. Germans are reported to be on the defensive in the Crimean battle in the face of Russian counter-offensives. In the Moscow fighting, the defenders are hitting back in several sectors. Russians admit that the Nazis have advanced in Tula but there is no confirmation of the German claim to have captured Mojaisk. The latest Russian activity is at Kalinin where Russians have started two counter-attacks, both of which are said to be progressing successfully.

Russians Still Chasing Nazi Forces West of Rostov

London, Dec. 6.

MARSHAL Timoshenko's victorious forces yesterday were still chasing General von Kliest's beaten Nazi legions westward from Rostov on the Don. Fierce fighting was reported to be in progress at Taganrog, which is not yet completely in Russian hands, and the Germans were said to be withdrawing troops, stores and artillery in face of relentless Soviet attacks. Aiding the German withdrawal, the Luftwaffe incessantly attacked the Soviet forces closing in on Taganrog.

Another Russian drive in the south-western sector was reported to have been launched from Stalino, north of Mariupol, towards which city the fleeing Germans are heading along the Sea of Azov coastal road. As a result of this drive the Russians claimed the capture of Kuibishevo, about ten miles south of Stalino. Another Russian army was reported to be advancing from the north in an effort to cut off the Germans before Mariupol.

Russian claims to have advanced beyond Taganrog have been denied by the Germans, who maintain that the front is still situated between Rostov and Taganrog. A Russian claim to have captured Kurgean at the junction of the Stalino and Taganrog railway is also not confirmed by the Germans.

German losses in the Southern Ukraine were reported to be exceptionally heavy and roads leading westward out of Taganrog were said to be littered with lorries and other equipment. Cossacks from the Don and Kuban regions are among the Russian cavalry units now attempting to cut off the fleeing Germans west of Taganrog, while the Fifty-sixth Army under Lieut.-Gen. Remizov is pursuing the enemy along the coast of the Sea of Azov and has

[United Press.

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Tung Wen Student And Professor Killed

After robbing Chinese bus passengers of their belongings, Chungking guerillas on Friday afternoon murdered a Japanese Tung Wen University professor and student, and wounded three other students on the Shanghai-Wusih motor road, the "Tairiku Shimpo" revealed last evening.

The bus carrying the Japanese, who were making an inspection trip of Taitsang and its vicinity, was attacked by seven guerillas at a point near Kolung at 3.50 p.m. on Friday, the paper reported.

The "Tairiku" said that the guerillas brutally shot dead Professor Toyokichi Jinnai, 44, and Seizo Miyagawa, a student.

Unscatched were Yukio Seino and Hirokuni Horigucho, who escaped death by diving under seats, while one Chinese passenger was severely wounded.

The Japanese had visited Taitsang on Friday, leaving that point in the afternoon. Near Kolung, bus passengers saw an abandoned, empty Central China Railway Company bus, and on approaching closer, seven armed Chinese dashed out from behind the vehicle and halted the oncoming bus.

The guerillas, all armed with Mauser pistols, herded the passengers together, and on finding Japanese among them, promptly opened fire, killing the Japanese professor and student. Subsequently, it was learned that passengers on the first bus were stripped of their belongings by the guerillas.

The wounded Japanese were said making favourable progress toward recovery.

Soviets Begin Drives Around Kalinin

Moscow, Dec. 6.

Russian forces have launched two attacks against German positions in the Kalinin sector of the Mocsow Front (about 100 miles north-west of the capital), Moscow Radio announced this afternoon.

The first attack, made from the north-west, broke the German lines at one point and Soviet troops re-occupied one village. This advance is continuing and has eased the Russian position in this area. The second attack was delivered from the south-east and secured a further important improvement in the Russian positions.—Reuter.

A Good Result

Subscribers to the Christmas Fund for Free French Service Men, which closed on Friday last, will be pleased to know that the total received is in excess of $120,000. The exact amount will be published in these columns on Monday morning. If there are any who would even now like to subscribe to the fund, they may send their donations to the office of this journal or to the Chartered Bank.

22 Axis Planes Shot Down in Libyan War

Cairo, Dec. 6.

Operations in the Libyan Desert are hampered by dust storms. The enemy launched three heavy attacks yesterday which were repulsed. Southeast of Tobruk there has been violent fighting and the enemy has suffered severe casualties. British forces gained some ground farther south.

It is officially stated that 22 enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday while the British lost six planes.

An R.A.F. Middle East communique states: "In spite of dust storms which seriously curtailed bomber operations our fighter aircraft were successfully in action over the battle area in Libya throughout yesterday.

Three principal combats with formations of enemy aircraft developed, in the course of which 17 Junkers 87's, two Messerschmitt 109's one G-50 and one Macchi 220 were shot down. Many other enemy aircraft were severely damaged. Elsewhere enemy motor transport and troop positions were bombed."—Reuter.

Several Minor Engagements

Cairo, Dec. 6.

Royal Air Force warplanes of the Middle East Command blasted back into action over the Libyan front on Thursday while Imperial forces fought German armoured units in what authoritative quarters called "a series of successful minor engagements over the whole battle area."

Official communiques earlier said that operations had quickened in eastern Cyrenaica when Italo-German forces on Thursday staged three heavy attacks on El Duba, a ridge commanding the former corridor to Tobruk which the British held briefly.

One authoritative source declared that "any improvement in the weather obviously would be to our advantage," and within a few hours the military spokesman declared that the severest dust storm was raging on the desert.

[United Press.

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R.A.F. China Squadron In Action: One Pilot Downs Six Germans

THOUGH photographs of the China British Hurricane Squadron have not yet been received in China, subscribers to the fund will be glad to know that the machines, which they have assisted in providing, are actually at work, striking blows against the enemy on behalf of Britons in China. Subscribers will also be pleased to learn that Sterling Exchange for the Fund's requirements, as asked for, has been promised, and now regular monthly remittances may again be resumed. The exchange is available and it is up to subscribers to make sure that the usual £10,000 monthly will be sent for the maintenance of the squadron. As indicating the good work which the machines are doing, the following, received from the Ministry of Air, should help to prove to donors that the dollars they have provided are doing good work, and that some of the enemy have reason to regret that there are in China Britons, who, though they may not themselves actually assist in securing Victory, are contributing their share towards that very great and important end. The story of a young pilot officer of the China British squadron follows:—

"I thought it was time for me to go home." So ended the story of a young pilot officer of the "China British" Squadron just one hour after he had intercepted a Ju.88, near the coast, chased it back across the Channel and sent it crashing into the sea near the French shore. "The Hun must have seen me first," he said, "and was in such a hurry to get away that he only just missed some barrage balloons.

"One Crowded Hour"

"He dodged in one direction after another" continued the pilot, "and then started off south going faster than I have ever seen a Ju. travel. It was hell for leather for a time, before I finally caught him."

It was a glorious night and the Hurricane pilot was able to recognize the Junkers even better in the light of fires and gun flashes from the shore.

"I hit the enemy with my first burst and was almost blinded by flames from the blast.

"He ducked immediately and went down to just over a thousand feet but I got underneath him and clapped him well and truly in the belly of his machine with an eight seconds burst. He was in a bad way, but, to my amazement my next attack with a three seconds burst, which hit him right in the fuselage, did not seem to take any effect.

"For about a minute nothing happened and then a huge sheet of flame

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From Shanghai.
This R.A.F. pilot is one of many from China, who are serving in the R.A.F.

S.M.C. to Start a Residents' Census In Near Future

To ensure a fair distribution of commodities, here the Shanghai Municipal Council has proposed to take a census of the near future of Settlement residents. This, it was thought, should provide the basis for a plan to make available to every bona fide resident a fair quantity of essential commodities, the plan having for its object the assuring of even distribution, not the reduction of consumption. The scheme it was stated, would forge another link in the chain of measures taken to safeguard the livelihood of Shanghai residents.

"The Council desires it to be known that all practicable steps are being taken not only to safeguard stocks of essential commodities but also to ensure their fair distribution. The Council is receiving the fullest co-operation of all concerned and relies upon receiving the co-operation of the public also. Despite shipping difficulties, there is no cause for alarm provided everyone co-operates with the authorities.

"With a view to ensuring a fair distribution of available stocks of essential commodities, it is proposed in the near future to take a census of Settlement residents. This census should provide the basis of a plan for making available to every bona fide resident a fair quantity of essential commodities. The object of the plan is not to reduce consumption but to ensure even distribution. It is one further step in the interlocking series of measures taken to safeguard the livelihood of Shanghai residents.

Fortunately Placed

"Shanghai is fortunately placed in that the countryside supplies so much—all its meat, fish, [illegible] and vegetables. For these essentials overseas shipping is not necessary. The Council is taking every step that it can secure shipping to bring to Shanghai such basic essentials as rice, flour and coal. Existing stocks of rice, coal and flour are being safeguarded by the prevention of movement for export, and their control and distribution is being vigilantly watched by the municipal authorities. Stocks of sugar are adequate for local needs for sometime.

"For certain other important commodities which are manufactured in Shanghai, stocks both of manufactured goods and of raw materials are sufficient for a considerable period. In such cases no step will be taken to control individual purchases of items."

Lessons Learned in Libya On Plane-tank Warfare

By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser
Special to the N.C.D.N.

London, Dec. 6.

ANOTHER chapter in the history of aircraft versus tanks is being recorded in Libya where although local conditions exert considerable influence on nature and the course of the battle, certain principles appear to have been established.

Firstly, given equality of tanks which stabilizes the land battle, aircraft can have the most disorganizing effect on formations of tanks before and after an engagement. Secondly, British and American aircraft are equal to tanks in rendering even the best of German tanks unserviceable and immobile. The development of policy in the direction of heavier bombs and faster aircraft spells trouble for the tank.

The previous experience of the efficacy for aircraft against tanks has been gained in battles where one side has had considerable superiority in both weapons. This factor which marked the German campaigns in Poland and France was eliminated for the first time in Libya when Allied forces met the enemy on equal terms. The grim battle, which is still in progress and from which any conclusions drawn must necessarily be speculative, has already been marked by a number of peculiarities in so far as aircraft and tanks were affected.

Comparison With Naval Manoeuvers

The first of these was the naval nature of war in the desert which gave to the tanks the qualities of warships free to manoeuvre in all directions and to deploy either singly or in strength. Heavy tanks became ships of the line, and light and medium tanks served as supporting lighter craft. Aircraft in the desert have also a greater degree of mobility and the speed with which the Allies set up landing grounds in enemy territory as they advanced was an important factor in the development of the battle.

The second peculiarity was the nature of the battlefield itself, a great stretch of sand and rock scored by wadis and totally devoid of such features as townships, water, obstacles or any natural limitation of area wherein the actual fight might take place.

Aircraft As Harriers

For aircraft in their role as harriers and destroyers of tanks, several interesting developments came to light immediately. It was obvious and experience bore out this that tanks actually in conflict could not be attacked from the air. The degree of interpenetration and confusion was so marked in desert war that no pilot could be certain which side the tanks belong to once the battle was joined.

It became essential, and this was one of the outstanding contributions of Allied air forces in the Middle East, to bomb and strafe tanks as they were forming up preparatory to meeting the armoured forces of the other side. These attacks were remorselessly pressed home on General Rommel's tank and armoured formations and played a great part in preventing him from [illegible] the battle with well-ordered columns.

Given the opportunity (and there were plenty of them) that were speedily and successfully taken up, an aircraft could disable a tank with a direct hit or near miss but it was soon clear that attacks in force by medium and even light bombers had had the effect of dispersing tank formations and creating a degree of disorganization in Axis ranks before their units had had the opportunity of causing diversions among the Allied forces.

Blackened and Twisted Wrecks

As Allied forces pushed forward into Libya it was possible to obtain visual evidence of the damage done by aircraft to enemy tank formations. Along the vital desert tracks such as that of Trigh-Capuzzo and even in the wastes of rock and sand surrounding the tracks were strewn considerable numbers of armoured cars and tanks which if not completely destroyed had been put out of action by attacks from the air.

An R.A.F. officer who visited the forward zone wrote, "An attack by our bombers had halted another column. Tangled wrecks of the pride of some Panzer regiment were blackened and twisted and littered some three miles of desert. Ammunition and petrol, misshapen hulks of iron, had shared the fate of the tanks."

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Tokyo Press Increasingly Gloomy Over Situation in Orient

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

TOKYO'S vernacular press today took an increasingly pessimistic view of the Far Eastern situation and indicated that the "worst eventuality" was near.

Doubting that Friday's meeting between Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State; Ambassador Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura and Mr. Saburo Kurusu would be productive owing to the alleged manifested insincerity of the United States as well as America's alleged scheme to prolong negotiations in order to gain time to turn the situation in her favour, the newspapers said the Pacific situation was increasingly grave.

"Japan's attitude toward the United States is firm and unshakesable," said the "Yomiuri." "Ready to face any developments, Japan will be unmoved, at least by mere empty intimidation strategy."

The ultra-nationalistic "Kokumin" said "Washington negotiations at last have reached the final stage. In the event United States forces invade East Asia, 1,100,000,000 southeastern Asiatic peoples will turn into a bomb."

Although the vernaculars all said that at the Eighth Washington conference, Japan replied to President Roosevelt's inquiry, they still did not disclose the nature of President Roosevelt's inquiry, merely stating that Japan made a "certain reply."

Naval Strength

Apparently taking their cue from the gloomy prospects over the Washington "peace or war" negotiations, the Japanese press last night featured articles commenting on the strength of the Japanese Navy in comparison with the United States Navy.

Apparently assuming that the Washington negotiations were on the verge of being ruptured, the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" declared that the United States aims at establishing hegemony over East Asia while Japan aspires to peace and as a result "it is only natural that their basic principles are opposed."

The Cabinet held its regular Friday meeting and the session lasted for two hours during which the Government presumably discussed the Washington negotiations and President Roosevelt's inquiry concerning Japanese aims in the Far East.

Emperor Receives Tojo

Emperior Hirohito, after attending the Military College Graduation exercises—in which his youngest brother, Captain Prince Mikasa was graduated—visited the Army's Imperial Headquarters where he received in audience General Hideki Tojo, Premier and War Minister, and General Gen Sugiyama, Chief of Staff. He lunched there with high Army officials.

The evening edition of the "Japan Times and Advertiser" ran a two-column photograph of Japanese warships and manœuvring in the Pacific under the caption: "Sea Defences Ready." The caption declared that America, busy with building its two-ocean Navy, is prone to underestimate the strength Japan can muster in defence of its waters, but Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Navy Minister, has assured the Japanese nation the Navy is ready and not a doubt exists on that score here.

Possibility of War Greater

The newspaper also prominently played an article by Mr. Kanji Maruyama, commentator for the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" which appeared in the magazine "Jitsugyo No Nihon" in which he said that the possibility of a war in the Pacific was becoming greater with progress the American naval expansion programme.

Formation of the ABCD front has somewhat removed the geographical reasons which hitherto had served to prevent disputes between Japan and the United States "from ending in rupture," the article added.

U.S. Take Jingoistic Attitude

Mr. Maruyama said that the United States was taking a jingoistic attitude toward Japan because of overestimation of its own naval strength "despite the plain theory that the United States will not be able to fight Japan while aiding Britain until its two-ocean Navy is completed six years hence."

The ultra-nationalistic "National Characteristics Masses Party" and the "Japan Protection Party" meanwhile presented undisclosed strong recommendations to the Premier, Foreign and Navy Ministers concerning the Washington negotiations. — United Press.

Thailand Completes Plans to Move Capital: Premier Speaks

Bangkok, Dec. 6.

THE Minister of the Interior today told press correspondents plans had been completed to remove the capital from Bangkok expeditiously in the event of war, although he said he was not able to reveal the possible site of a war time capital.

The Premier of Thailand today said that his country was prepared to resist any aggression. However, it had concluded no secret pact with any foreign Power. Field Marshal Plaek Bipul Songgram, the Premier, said "I do not see why any foreign Power should invade Thailand."

He said that the Japanese-Thai pact of amity was tantamount to a pact of non-aggression.

As long as Britain and Japan respect their treaties, Thailand must be considered safe, said the Field Marshal.

"We, on our part, have not violated treaty obligations in any way."

No Idea of Enemy

The Premier said that so far statements and actions of these powers indicated they would respect treaties.

Regarding Thai preparations for any eventuality the Premier said "we should not be taken by surprise, although I have no idea who would be the enemy. However, in the event Thailand should be compelled to fight it would fight until the end."

Regarding rumours of secret pacts the Premier said we have no enemy, therefore I can emphasize Thailand has made no secret pact with any nation."

The Premier's surprise statement, made to the "Bangkok Chronicle," was considered most significant, following a week-long government silence regarding the Far East crisis, also in view of passage of the emergency powers bill by yesterday's National Assembly session which was described locally as a "total war bill."

Officials were closely watching developments in Washington and Tokyo. There was no sign, however, of increased tension outside official circles.

Warning to Three Powers

Some foreign quarters interpreted the Premier's statement as a warning to Britain, America and Japan, that whatever the outcome of Washington talks, Thailand was determined to defend her sovereigty against all threats.

The Bangkok radio, immediately following publication of the Premier's statement, said that it believed Britain and Japan did not have aggressive intentions against Thailand.

The radio said that the Japanese-Thai treaty of amity was the same as the Anglo-Thai non-aggression pact However, the radio warned the people, in anticipation of possible involvement in war, to light up kerosene lamps and fill water containers in the event war requires cutting off public utilities.

Authoritative sources said that provincial authorities were ordered to instruct the people in methods to combat invasion, including carrying out sabotage behind enemy lines and destruction of all establishments and supplies which might be useful to the enemy.—United Press.

*Tension Mounts In Orient

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Government with regard to reported movements of Japanese troops in French Indo-China.

"Under instructions from Tokyo I wish to inform you as follows: As Chinese troops have recently shown frequent signs of movements along the northern frontier of French Indo-China bordering on China, Japanese troops with the object of taking precautionary measures have been reinforced to a certain extent in the northern part of French Indo-China.

Natural Sequence

"As a natural sequence of this step, certain movements have been made among troops stationed in the southern part of that territory. It seems that an exaggerated report has been made of these movements.

"It should be added that no measure has been taken on the part of the Japanese Government that may transgress stipulations of the proto-

*Domei Says Next Move Up to U.S.

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

The Japanese news agency Domei today said that the next United States move regarding the Japanese reply to President Roosevelt will decide the fate of negotiations because Japan is unable to accept the United States' "fantastic ideals."—United Press.

col of joint defence between Japan and France," said the Japanese note.

Japan apparently gave no reply to the United States minimum demands for a Pacific rapprochement and the future status of the "peace or war" negotiations remained uncertain.

Admiral Kichisburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador, and Mr. Saburo Kurusu, special envoy, handed the Japanese reply to President Roosevelt's request for information on the reason for Japan's concentrations in Indo-China to Mr. Cordell Hull Secretary of State, yesterday morning

Mr. Hull took the reply to the White House to discuss its contents with President Roosevelt during luncheon and to formulate the next United States steps. The White House then issued the text of the Japanese reply.

Japanese Assertions

The reply asserted:

1. The Japanese agreement with Vichy provides for stationing of Japanese garrisons in Indo-China the number of which now there is consistent with the aforementioned agreement.

2. Foreign reports concerning the number of troops in Indo-China were exaggerated.

3. The disposition of Japanese troops in Indo-China was calculated to offset what was described as a threatening concentration of Chinese troops in Yunnan province and they were not in a position menacing Thailand.

The reply avoided any reference to troops or naval movements by the ABCD powers in the Pacific which, in accordance with Tokyo's pronouncements, were attempting to encircle Japan.

Tokyo Studying Hull Statement

Admiral Nomura indicated that several days might elapse before Tokyo finishes studying the statement by Mr. Hull outlining the United States' basic principles.

The Japanese Ambassador said he based this surmise on news despatches rather than official messages, claiming that "we learn much more from Tokyo despatches to your newspapers than from our own small messages."

The conference with Mr. Hull lasted for 25 minutes.

Mr. Kurusu said that no definite arrangements had been made for further meetings, but said this did not involve the session yesterday which was merely for the purpose of delivering the Japanese document.

Still Friendly Nations

Reporters besieged the Japanese envoys after the conference and Admiral Nomura patted one reporter on the back, stating: "As your President said, we are still friendly nations."

Mr. Kurusu said he hoped exploratory conversations would be continued. He said that the official Japanese statement in reply to the recent statement of Mr. Hull, enunciating United States basic principles in the negotiations, had not yet been received from Tokyo.

No Aggression in Indo-China

Well-informed sources believed, the Japanese reply said, Japan had no intention of using troops in Indo-China aggressively.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt, told correspondents he planned to see Mr. Hull this afternoon.

The President declined to discuss the Japanese situation but revealed he conferred with Mr. Hull before the Secretary of State saw the Japanese envoys.—United Press.

Judgment on Former Russian Member of F.M.P. on Friday

Having concluded its hearing of the case against Anatole Koudriavtzev, former member of the Russian Detachment of the French police on the charge of killing an Annamite policeman of the same police force, the Second Special District Court is expected to announce its judgment on Friday.

Koudriavtzev denied in court that he had used an iron bar in his fight with the Annamite. The bar, it was revealed by the prosecution, was found stained with blood in the detention cell of the French police headquarters where accused was imprisoned for a disciplinary offence. The fight took place there.

Counsel for the defence asked for leniency, asserting that the Annamite was not killed in a fist fight as claimed but that he sustained injuries when accidentally crushed between the iron grill and the door of the detention quarters.

It will be recalled that accused tried to join the British forces.

America May Take Steps Against Finland

Washington, Dec. 6.

The United States is studying possible steps to be taken against Finland, Rumania and Hungary as the result of Britain's war declaration, authoritative circles said here today.

However, there was no indication as to what steps the United States would take in the immediate future.

Some official circles believed there still was hope that Finland would cease attacking the Soviet Union, if Germany would permit this.—United Press.

War Declaration Analyzed

London, Dec. 6.

Principal effects of the British declaration of a state of war on Finland, Rumania and Hungary will be that the three countries and their possessions will be liable to attack from British naval, land and air forces where and when the opportunity occurs.

Second effect will be that they will be treated as enemy states in any peace conference.

Thirdly, the British blockade will operate with full force against the countries.

Fourthly, Finns, Rumanians and Hungarians in Britain estimated at several thousand, will become "enemy aliens" and will be dealt with in alien tribunes which are expected to intern many, particularly those of military age.

Militarily, the declaration will mean little, unless and until Britain is able to form a front on the northern side of the Mediterranean or in Norway.

Little Scope for Bombing

Naval units or planes from carriers might attack Petsamo but air attacks on any other part of Finland, including Helsinki, direct from British bases necessitates a hazardous round trip of 2,000 miles, even if the planes flew over neutral Sweden.

Similiarly, Bucharest and Ploesti oil fields are likely to escape bombing, because they are about 1,000 miles distant from the nearest British airfields in Egypt and Malta.

Even Budapest, is 850 miles by direct line from Malta. Thus only the involvement of Turkey against the Axis or a British offensive in northern Norway would give the Royal Air Force opportunity to pound Rumanian, Hungarian and Finnish towns. Planes based in European Turkey could reach Bucharest and Ploesti in about one hour via "neutral" Bulgaria.—United Press.

*R.A.F. China Squadron

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turst along the entire length of the aircraft and down it went into the sea. As it sank great clouds of steam began to rise."

It was then that the pilot turned for home.

He Rammed the Enemy

The same pilot, who wears the D.F.C. ribbon, fought with distinction in the Battle of Britain while serving with another Fighter Squadron. On one occasion during that period, whilst on patrol he sighted a formation of eight Messerschmitt 109s. He immediately attacked and damaged one of them which dived to sea level. Having expended all his ammunition the pilot followed and flying alongside his quarry, endeavoured unsuccessfully to force him into the sea.

Undeterred he then severed the tail-plane of the Messerschmitt with his wing tip. Subsequently he was attacked by a number of Me. 109s, and although his aircraft was severely damaged he succeeded in reaching land and made a crash landing. In one week alone this pilot destroyed five enemy aircraft.

Hurricane, Dornier Crash Together

The "China British" squadron for some time carried out many effective patrols in protection of shipping. During one of these patrols the destruction by the squadron of an enemy bomber cost the life of one of the pilots who attacked it.

Two pilots were detailed to intercept an enemy machine off the coast at dusk. They spotted an aircraft flying 500 feet over the sea, but at first were unable to identify it. One of the pilots closed to 150 yards and was met with a burst of fire. The machine was a Dornier 17.

Both pilots attacked and saw their bullets hitting the bomber, which climbed for cloud cover. They followed and, with one of its engines on fire, the enemy dived for sea level.

By this time one of the Hurricanes was out of ammunition and the pilot broke away to let his colleague go in and finish off the Dornier. He watched as the Dornier made one last desperate attempt to climb again for the clouds. Then as the other Hurricane pilot went into attack, he was seen to overshoot and crash right into the bomber.

Both aircraft went straight into the sea.

The fighting exploits of the pilots of "China British" do justice to the famous aircraft they man. With such a combination the squadron should gain many further laurels—emblems of victory worthy of the Empire's mighty war effort in the air, worthy too of the generous contribution to that effort made by the British Communities in China.

All contributions to the fund should be sent either to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, or to the Chartered Bank.

Churchill, Stalin Exchange Hearty Congratulations

London, Dec. 6.

M. Josef Stalin's message to Mr. Winston Churchill on the latter's birthday last week and the Premier's reply are quoted by the Moscow radio. M. Stalin wrote: "I heartily congratulate you on your birthday. From the bottom of my heart I wish you may have the strength necessary for victory over the enemy of humanity—Hitlerism. I am sending you my best wishes."

Mr. Churchill telegraphed this reply "I sincerely thank you for your highly amiable and friendly congratulations on the occasion of my birthday. Allow me to take this opportunity to tell you with what admiration the entire British people are watching the strong defence of Leningrad and Moscow by the greatest Russian armies, and how glad we all are to hear of your brilliant victory at Rostov-on-Don."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Fighters Attack Enemy Shipping

London, Dec. 6.

"R.A.F. fighters today (Friday) attacked enemy shipping off the north coast of France," states an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

"Several ships were hit and damaged, but bad visibility prevented full observation of the result. An enemy fighter was destroyed during one of these attacks. Six British fighters are missing."—Reuter.

British Bomb Naples

Rome, Dec. 6.

Italian military headquarters today announced British warplanes bombed Naples, resulting in several killed and wounded and considerable damage.—United Press.

All Quiet Over Britain

London, Dec. 6.

No enemy air activity was reported over Great Britain last night, the Air Ministry announced today.—Havas Telemondial.

Manila Citizens Urged To Evacuate

Manila, Dec. 6.

At a Cabinet meeting in Baguio President Manuel Quezon today decided to urge all non-essential civilians in Manila and other "danger zones" to leave for the provinces. Senor Quezon will hold a conference tomorrow with the United States Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, General Douglas MacArthur, to decide whether schools in Manila and zones are to be closed. General MacArthur is flying to Baguio today. Danger zones will be determined by the military authorities.

Army forces have completed all preparations short of taking up positions.—Reuter.

Blunt Australian Warning to Japan

Melbourne, Dec. 6.

A blunt warning to Japan is given in an authoritative statement which says: "While the situation is such that developments may occur at any moment, it would seem that Japan is still at the stage of seeing how far she can go without provoking war with both the British Empire and the United States.

"It is therefore most important to emphasize that we stand together. We are fully alive to the Japanese threat. We are not afraid of it."—Reuter.

*Lessons Learned In Libya

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The role of the J.87's, the German dive bombers which the enemy successfully used in Poland and France as cover for his tank infiltrations, became less evident in Libya. The mêlée of battle did not permit of operations by dive bombers which need specialized and carefully picked out targets. The J 87 was no match for the aircraft with which the Allies entered the battle; aircraft which included many of the best American and English types. War in the desert has also demonstrated the effect that accurate and determined bombing and strafing can have on tank units leaving the battle area after an engagement. Speed in reforming is a vital factor air attacks at this stage have proved their usefulness.

Knocking-Out Supports

Even if an aircraft cannot always destroy a tank outright the Battle in Libya has shown that aircraft can play a supremely important part in the destruction of far more vulnerable but equally essential supply lorries and armoured vehicles operating in support of tanks. Moreover in Libya both sides have had to deal with the problem of extremely long lines of communications and bombing and strafing operations carried out by Allied air forces along the Libyan roads heading back to Benghazi and Tripoli have exerted considerable influence on the course of the tank battle in Marmarica.

*Nazi Raider Sunk In S. Atlantic

London, Dec. 6.

The British cruiser Dorsetshirt (9,900 tons) has sunk a German commerce raider in the South Atantic the Admiralty announced today.

The Dorsetshire formerly served in China waters.—Reuter.

*22 Axis Planes Shot Down in Libyan War

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General Headquarters announced that in the frontier area New Zealand troops engaged an enemy column west of Menastir, killing about 100 Germans and taking an additional 100 prisoner. Two enemy tanks and other vehicles were destroyed and two guns were captured, after which remnants fled to the west.

Authoritative quarters, commenting on the New Zealand success west of Menastir (which was explained to be the same as the city of Sidi Azez), declared that "this action suggests that the enemy was trying either to reinforce the Bardia-Sollum-Halfaya area or extricate troops beleguered there."

Those sources believed that the latter explanation seemed more probable since apparently a comparatively small number of men was involved for the size of the column. They pointed out that this would also have been the case if the column was chiefly designed to bring up supplies.—United Press.

Blamey Satisfield

Rangoon, Dec. 6.

The British campaign in the Western Desert is progressing satisfactorily, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, deputy Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, informed Reuter when he arrived here today. Lieut.-Gen. Blamey, who is returning to the Middle East after visiting Australia, declared that British and Imperial forces had made considerable advances.

He added that if as reported Vichy had granted the Germans the use of Tunis for operations against Britain it would be an admission that the Axis was beaten in the Mediterranean and unable to maintain supplies and re-inforcements for Libya by the existing routes.

Tunis Difficult to Use

The use of Tunis as a base would give the Axis the greatest difficulty in maintaining supplies, the only road available being an exposed coastal one.

Emphasizing that Australia was now in a greater state of preparedness to meet any threat to her security than at any previous time in her history, Lieut.-Gen. Blamey added that the position of Singapore, where he spent several days, is now very strong indeed and had been further fortified by the British fleet's arrival. Singapore, he said, is well defended in every respect and there was the greatest confidence there regarding the position.—Reuter.

*Russians Still Chasing Nazis

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reached a point level with the Taganrog promontory.

A village of great strategic value on the west bank of the Mius River in the Taganrog sector, has fallen into the hands of the Russian forces. Between November 17 and December 4 the Germans are stated to have lost 23,000 dead and wounded on the southern front.

Crimean Defenders Active

Meanwhile the defenders of Sevastopol in the Crimea are hitting back so hard at the Nazis that the enemy has been forced to adopt defensive tactics at many points. German losses in the Crimea are reported to amount to 100,000 dead and wounded.

On the Moscow front the Russians claim that several counter-attacks, launched during the past few days, have improved the situation around the capital. The Germans, however, claim the capture of Mojaisk, on the road to Moscow. In recent communiques the Russians admitted that the most dangerous German thrust was in the Mojaisk direction.

At Tula, 100 miles south of the capital, the Russians admitted a German advance but stated that the city of Tula itself was still strongly held by Soviet forces.

German units which succeeded in penetrating the northern bank of the Moskva river have been completely wiped out, said the radio.

Nazis Defensive at Klin

The Moscow radio yesterday said that in the northern sector in the Klin district, German forces, staggering under Red counter-attacks, had begun defensive operations. Nazis were digging trenches, laying barbed wire and bringing up reserves, said the radio.

Fierce battles continued in the Volokolamsk direction, where the Germans still were trying to press ahead, despite heavy losses, said the radio.

Heavy fighting also was reported in the Mojaisk and Maloyaroslavets directions.

Attacks by two German infantry divisions in the northern sector of the Mojaisk front were beaten off by Russian artillery and machine-gun fire, said the radio. Soviet troops were reported to be counter-attacking and inflicting considerable losses.

Heavy Russian Barrage

Russian despatches said that the Red Army had opened a thundering artillery barrage near Kharkov and had driven General von Kleist's armoured forces back through an additional 90 villages near the Sea of Azov, creating such peril to German forces in the south that the Wehrmacht may have to release their tightening grip on Moscow in order to send reinforcements to the south.

Meanwhile, Moscow radio claimed that five divisions of fully trained guerillas were fiercely fighting the Nazis in Yugoslavia. The radio claimed the fight was spreading, increasing the German difficulties on all fronts.

London radio, however, said that a critical situation had cropped up on the highway west of Moscow where the Germans renewed their mightly offensive, utilizing 8,000 tanks, 14,000 guns and 500,000 troops in a desperate effort to crack the Russian lines.

The Russians counted 2,000 German dead and many destroyed German tanks along the main highway between Moscow and Mojaisk where the fighting has been bloodiest.—United Press.

U-501's Captain Abandoned Men To Save Own Life

London, Dec. 6.

The U-boat which was sunk recently by the Canadian corvettes Chambly and Moose-Jaw was U-501, a new submarine and the first of a new series of 740-ton U-boats, states the Admiralty.

She was built in Hamburg, commissioned on April 30, 1941 and was under the command of Korvettenkapitaen Hugo Forster. She left Trondheim on August 7 on her first and last operational cruise in the Atlantic and had been out only a few days when she was attacked by a British warship and forced to crash-dive.

One and Only Contribution

Early in September, U-501 attacked a small Norwegian ship. She fired six torpedoes but only one hit. This failed to sink the Norwegian vessel, and the submarine had to come to the surface and fire more than 40 shells to sink the steamer. Destruction of this small unprotected ship was U-501's only contribution to Germany's alleged blockade of Great Britain.

On September 11, the U-boat attempted to attack a British convoy. She was detected by two Canadian corvettes which formed part of the escort. One of the corvettes, H.M.C.S. Chambly, made a depth-charge attack which considerably damaged the U-boat. All lights went out, the instruments were smashed and valves damaged. Water entered the hull and reached the electric batteries, producing chlorine gas.

Abandoned His Men

The U-boat was forced to the surface. H.M.C.S. Moose-Jaw opened fire and then tried to ram her. At the moment of the impact, Korvettenkapitaen Forster, who was on the conning-tower, jumped aboard the Canadian corvette, abandoning his boat and crew in a scramble for his own life, an action which caused considerable discussion among the hundreds of U-boat prisoners in British hands.

The Moose-Jaw swung clear and opened fire on the U-boat, whose crew jumped overboard. Thirty-seven men were saved and are now prisoners of war. Ten were drowned.

Lacked Experience

Forster certainly lacked experience and confidence in his crew. He joined the German navy in 1923 and spent most of his time in surface ships. His first lieutenant joined the navy in 1934, was transferred to the Luftwaffe two years later. He was recently sent back to sea and drafted to U-boats after a short course. The other officers included two midshipmen who had no naval experience. An engineer officer, four petty officers and two ratings were the only members of the crew who had ever made a war cruise in a U-boat. Most members of the crew are very young and disillusioned by the difference between the realities of life on active service in a U-boat and glowing descriptions by recruiting authorities and incessant propaganda.—Reuter.

*British Volunteers Out in Tientsin

Tientsin, Dec. 6.

The Volunteer Emergency Corps of the British Concession was called out for duty last night, although the reason for this move has not been revealed.

Volunteers are guarding all strategical points and all public utilities buildings.

The gates leading to the British Concession have been closed since this morning and strong details of police are mounting guard at every entrance.—Havas Telemondial.

India Japanese Ask Another Evacuee Ship

Bombay, Dec. 6.

The majority of 150 Japanese nationals here and in Ceylon, who want to return to Japan but are stranged owing to lack of transportation facilities, asked the Japanese Government to send another evacuation ship.

Since the Hiye Maru, the evacuation ship vessel sent out by the Japanese Government, left here, the remaining Japanese residents found it more and more difficult to carry on their businesses.—Domei.

Manchoukuo to "Take Care" of North Front

Changchun, Dec. 6.

Keeping step with Japan, Manchoukuo will shoulder responsibility on the "northern front," declared the Vice-Director of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Takemi Mirua, who has just returned from Tokyo.

He intimated that Washington's attitude is a stumbling block towards an amicable agreement, but this country is prepared for any eventuality. He reiterated the necessity for strengthening Manchoukuo's home front.—Reuter.

N.Y.K. Heads to Evacuate

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

The N.Y.K. line today ordered Mr. Asahiko Yamada, head of the N.Y.K. branch office at Singapore, and Mr. Kenjiro Atsuda, head of the N.Y.K. office at Bombay, to evacuate their posts and proceed to Japan.—United Press.

Japan Appoints New Attaches to U.S.

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

The Government today appointed Colonel Tadafumi Waki and Lieutenant-Colonel Kosei Uchida as assistant military attaches to the Japanese embassy in Washington.—United Press.

Australians Will Defend N.E.I.

Melbourne, Dec. 6.

Authoritative sources today said that Australian forces will be available to defend the Netherlands East Indies in the event of hostilities.—United Press.

New Siberian Border Clash Reported

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Japanese frontier guards, responding to fire from Russian troops, killed one out of 14 Red Army soldiers invading eastern Manchoukuo on Thursday night, Domei news agency claimed last night in a despatch from Changchung.

The 13 remaining Russian soldiers, disguised in Manchurian garments, were dispersed according to the Domei report. The clash took place west of Vladivostok.

Domei said that the Japanese border guards fired on the raiders—who were carrying a light machine-gun and 10 rifles—when the raiders refused to halt while crossing the frontier along the upper reaches of the Zolotaia river, two kilometres southwest of the border mark.—United Press.

Chiang Kai-shek Sends Message To U.S. Paper

Chicago, Dec. 6.

The "Chicago Sun," metropolitan daily formed to compete with the anti-Administration "Chicago Tribune," published its first issue yesterday with the announcement that it would support President Roosevelt's foreign policies.

The paper published special messages of congratulations from President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other world personages.

Generalissimo's Message

Following is the message from Generalissimo Chiang:

"In the fifth year of their long war for liberation, which they began alone and unsupported, the 450,000,000 people of China feel that final victory is now assured.

"In the fight which we began alone, we are now part of a world front, sworn to the defeat of aggression and pledged to the advancement of democracy. By land this world front extends across all Asia and Europe to the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. By sea it extends across the Pacific to the democracies of North and South America.

World Front Based on Democracy

"We feel that this world front is firmly based on the will of the democratic peoples. It is the will of the peoples that stands back of each democratic Government, shaping its policy.

"The people of China have always felt assured of the sympathy of the American people. Today we see that sympathy organized with true American efficiency under President Roosevelt's Lease-and-Lend policy.

Highest Function of a Newspaper

"The highest function of a newspaper in a democratic country is to give free expression to the voice of the people. The founding of your newspaper, dedicated to this principle and to the service of democracy, will be widely welcomed in China as a new proof of the vigor of America's democratic ideals.—"Signed, Chiang Kai-shek"—United Press.

Togo, Shimada to Address N.S.A. Council

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo and Navy Ministry Admiral Shigetaro Shimada will explain the critical international situation on Monday at the first day of the second conference of the National Service Association's Central Cooperative Council.

Finance Minister Okinori Kaya, Welfare Minister Lieut.-Gen. Chikahiko Koizumi are due to make addresses.

The Association, it was understood, has completed all preparations for the conference, including the selection of about 50 speakers representing the people.—Domei.

Marines Leaving Tientsin Dec. 12

Tientsin, Dec. 6.

In accordance with President Roosevelt's order withdrawing American Marines, garrisons from China, it was learned today that the Marines force here will leave on December 12 for Chinwangtao where they will embark for Manila. It was further learned that a part of the United States Consulate staff in Tientsin likewise has been ordered to leave for Chingwangtao.—Domei.

Germans to Publish Chinese Newspaper

A German-registered Chinese newspaper called "Tseng Rih Pao" is being published in Shanghai. According to an advertisement which yesterday appeared in the "Sin Wen Pao" the paper is published by the Trans-Asia Publishing Company. No address was mentioned.

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Rice Movements Are Banned

As a further step to curb hoarding of rice the Council in an official communique issued yesterday afternoon stated that it had been reluctantly compelled to reduce retail sales in the Settlement of rice to one-twentieth of a zah (4 kilos), commencing from today. An identical retification was issued by the French Consul-General yesterday.

It was deplored that despite the measures taken by the Council since the beginning of last month, hoarding of the cereal has continued and more rice has been purchased from rice retail shops by some people, than would be required for their daily needs.

It was pointed out that ample stocks of rice were available here to meet all normal requirements for some time to come. The measures announced by the Council from time to time, it was emphasized, were designed to meet the interest of the public and to ensure fair distribution of supplies to the public under proper control.

The Council also notified that from today no movements of rice of any quantity within the Settlement, and to the French Concession, in excess of one-twentieth of a zah (4 kilos) would be allowed without movement permits rice being obtained from the rice office of the Council, room 703, Administration Building.

Japanese Officials Call On Thai Foreign Minister

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Mr. Teiji Tsubokami, Japanese Ambassador to Thailand, and Mr. Koh Ishii, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy, yesterday called on the Thai Foreign Minister, Naidirek Chayanama, and conferred on Japanese-Thailand' relations, the "Asahi's" Bangkok correspondent reported.—Domei.

Communists Condemned In Paris

Paris, Dec. 5.

The special section of the Paris Tribunal today sentenced to various terms of hard labour, ranging from twelve to two years, four communists for subversive activity.—Havas Telemondial.

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Manipulations of Middlemen Handling Flour Eliminated

WITH the completion of registration of flour stocks here, the S.M.C. has been enabled to check individual requirements and yesterday began to tighten restrictions placed on movement of flour from the Settlement by the process of eliminating the handling by middlemen.

It was learned that as many as eighteen endorsements had been seen on a single delivery order in past months and that the same stocks have been handled at times by a multiplicity of wholesalers resulting in the consumer ultimately having in pay phenomenal prices.

The flour office of the Council, an official stated, has been accepting applications for removal of flour from the Settlement. He repeated that removal of flour without Council permission is unauthorized.

Commencing from yesterday he continued, applicants for flour removal would have to submit to its destination being investigated. As an illustration, if a retailer applied for a removal permit for 100 bags, he would not get the necessary authority until the Council was satisfied that the quantity was compatible with his normal requirements. This measure has been taken as a safeguard against possible hoarding.

One-Way Movement

The Council henceforth also will only permit movement of flour in bulk from importers to wholesalers, and not from one wholesaler to another which would result in an increase of price resulting from the double handling and extra permit charge. The wholesaler in turn would receive a movement permit to have the flour transferred to a retailer, who would be thoroughly investigated by Council employees.

It was learned that in past months a pernicious habit has prevailed, the same quantity of flour being handled by as many as fifteen to twenty various people, all of these have added their profits with the consequent astronomical prices which the public subsequently would have to pay. The Council official disclosed that he had seen delivery orders with as many as eighteen endorsements.

The new measures introduced by the Council, informed quarters stated, would eliminate the multiplicity of handling of stocks and result in a decrease of flour prices.

It was learned that the Council will fix retail and wholesale prices of flour in the near future. During the past four days the Council has been selling flour which it acquired, about 10,000 bags, to noodle makers, cake shops and restaurants on the distinct understanding that it should not be resold. A staff of regular investigators have been visiting the establishments concerned to ensure that this was carried out.

The Price of Bread

Flour dealers who have purchased stocks from the Council have had to give a written undertaking, not to sell above $41.70 per bag of 49 lb., notice of which is to be displayed in shop windows which will be consistently checked. It was learned that the shops affected, had carried out instructions of the Council explicitly.

The official went to disclose that producing costs of bread were still under investigation, which started ten days ago. The Council, he said, would require investigation before being able to fix a price which would be fair to both the baker and the consumer. It was expected that the Council would announce the retail prices of bread in the near future.

Establishments requiring flour are urged to send details of their needs to the Council at the earliest opportunity as between ten days to a fortnight would be required for the authorities to check their applications owing to the large number of applications received. As soon as the Council's flour shipment arrives, it will be sold to those establishments whose requirements have been found satisfactory to the Council.

Long Hours of Staff

The staff of the Council's rice and flour office has been continuing to work until long after office hours to attend to the needs of the public and are kept busy replying to numerous questions concerning commodities named. The official emphasized that it was not the intention of the Council to interfere with legitimate trade while it hoped to eliminate wherever possible, all practices tending to increase prices.

Questioned regarding the reaction on the part of exporters to the Council's recent ban on movement of flour from the Settlement for export the official replied that most of the firms had shown a genuine appreciation of the stand taken by the Council and its desire to work only in the public interest.

Local Offices Cut Down Hours to Meet Situation

Owing to the local economic situation and recent cuts in petrol allotments a number of offices in the city have girded themselves to meet the situation by announcing shorter hours, entailing less trips to the office daily. Yesterday the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Standard Vacuum Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company issued a joint announcement that until further notice deliveries of petrol from service and filling station pumps would be limited to three gallons per car daily to customers holding December allotment cards and urged the public to restrict the use of petrol only to essential requirements.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company has also announced that from tomorrow their office hours would be 8.30 to 1 p.m. daily while Wallem & Co. has announced office hours from 8.30 to 1 p.m. daily and 8.30 to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The Java China Japan Lijn N. V. has announced that from tomorrow their office hours would be 8.30 to 1 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, while Messrs. Rielley, Simmons & Milne, Ltd., and Messrs. Parker Rielley & Co. has stated office hours of 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. daily, with a closing down on Saturdays.

General Tendency

It was learned that a number of important firms here would soon adopt shorter office hours and that the hours advertised would be different in various cases, but the general tendency would be to reduce the number of trips to the office daily.

The measures introduced have fulfilled the predictions of an ardent motorist writing some time ago in the "North-China Daily News," predicting shorter office hours to meet a possible future petrol cut. Various other measures also were suggested by him to meet the situation including the community share of cars by persons working in the same office or offices in the same building, the sharing of cars by guests attending the same party at the request of the hostess and wives reducing the number of shopping excursions by car.

Employers, Men Of S.V.C. Thanked In Corps Orders

The proficient way in which all ranks of the S.V.C. carried out their duties in garrisoning "B" defence sector after the departure last year from Shanghai of the British Forces was commented upon by Lieut. Col. G. H. Mann, M.C., the officer commanding, in recently issued special Corps Orders. The extra time put in ungrudgingly by the Corps it was pointed out, had better fitted the men to undertake emergency duties in future. The full text of the orders thanking both the men and their employers follows:

"I would like cordially to thank all ranks of the Corps who participated in garrison duty on "B" Sector from August 20, 1940 to November 25, 1941, for the loyal and uncomplaining way in which they carried out the work allotted to them.

Throughout the period the members of the Corps performed their duties proficiently and in a soldierly way that did credit to themselves and to their units.

We at Headquarters are fully alive to the considerable sacrifice in time and leisure that the performance of these duties entailed, especially on the part of officers and non-commissioned officers, whose work in connection with the warning and assembling of their commands was additional to their actual work in the Sector.

Considering that the normal training of units proceeded with almost the same regularity as in normal times, I think it will be generally conceded that the Corps put up a very good performance over this extended period, doing duty of a type which the Corps is not normally intended to perform.

It is quite apparent that the time spent on "B" Sector was in no way detrimental to the spirit of the Corps; in fact the Corps is now better than ever fitted to undertake emergency duties should it be called upon to perform them.

While expressing thanks to the men who did the work, it would not be out of place to record appreciation of those employers who did not make it difficult for them to carry out their duies."

Curtailed Shipping To Southern Ports

Belief was expressed in the Chinese press here yesterday that although British and American vessels have been withdrawn from Shanghai, shipping between Shanghai and Hongkong was still maintained though a curtailed schedule was followed. When the ss. Anhui left Shanghai she carried mail destined for Hongkong and Straits Settlement and a few days later another ship also left with mail by special arrangement.

It was stated that French ships are on the run between Shanghai and Manila. One French liner would arrive here on December 12 and on December 14 or 15 it would leave here direct for Manila.

Big lighters belonging to a British lighter and tug company in Shanghai have also disappeared from Shanghai's waterfront which now looks deserted, it was observed in the Chinese press. Conflicting reports were circulated as to the meaning of the departure of the lighters. While one report said that they had been ordered to leave Shanghai because they are useful to H.M. Navy another report said that British authorities did not wish to see the lighters falling into others' hands.

Optimism was expressed in the Chinese press regarding future shipments of rice to Shanghai it being asserted, however, that ships have been officially chartered for such purposes.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Large Crowd Attends Fun Fair

The Fun Fair at the Union Church yesterday drew a large crowd and was voted a great success. Mrs. J. Sinclair, President of the Union Church Women's Guild is seen delivering a brief opening speech with Mrs. G. E Marden, Chairman of the B.W.A. in black, seen standing beside her. Concerted efforts of all members of the Guild under Mrs. O. G. R. Beynon, Chairman of the Works' Committee resulted in this year's fair surpassing those of previous years.

Fun Fair at Union Church Great Success

A large crowd of happy participants were in attendance yesterday when Mrs. J. Sinclair, President of the Union Church Women's Guild, introduced Mrs. G. E. Marden, Chairman of the B.W.A. After a short and pleasing speech, she declared the Fun Fair open and Margaret Ann Goodwin charmingly presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Adding to the gay scene presented by colourful stalls, was the music provided for by Mr. H. Tarby and his Brass Band of 25 musicians known as the Shanghai Amateur Band.

Stalls were not only attractive to look at, but they carried useful articles which were suitable for gifts as well as for home use. Mrs. W. C Scott, assisted by Mrs. Day, was in charge of the wool-stand, which carried all manner of fine hand-made woollen goods for children and adults.

The White Elephant Stall was one of the most interesting, with a wide variety of articles which sold rapidly, as soon as the fair was opened. This stall was operated by Mrs. Chisholm and Mrs. Francis assisted her.

Children Remembered

Children were well remembered, in this Fair, and one of the largest and gayest stalls, was that of Mrs. Baxter and her assistants, Mrs. Tate and Mrs. McLennan. Toys large and small and of every possible shape and form, were the constant admiration of youthful eyes and the temptation to touch them was too much for most of would-be purchasers.

Another stall which attracted the very young, was that of Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Vevers, where stuffed animals and dolls peeped out from delicately arranged hand-made articles. An energetic helper was Mrs. Blakes's daughter, Joyce.

Tempting to everyone, was the sweet stand where sweets were in colourful, flower-decorated containers. Responsible for this attractive stand, was Mrs. Smith. Her two helpers were Mrs. Tarby and Mrs. Duncan.

Books for Young and Old

Mrs. Sorrie, assisted by Mrs. Brace was in charge of the second-hand book stall, where the large array of books for adults and children, including many of the popular annuals, fast diminished. A novelty stand, containing a large selection of practical gifts, was arranged by Mrs. Goodwin, who was assisted by Mrs. Sing.

One stall which could boast of having sold everything, was the fresh vegetable stall, looked after by one of the youngest helpers, Mary Christine MacDonald.

The inviting tea room, with flower arrangements adding greatly to the enjoyment of the tea, was arranged by Mrs. F.H.B. Harmon, chairman of the tea committee. Her helpers included Mrs. Train, Mrs. Black and Mrs. Duncan.

The Discussion Group was responsible for games, competitions and side shows, which included Aunt Sally and two high chutes. Credit for arranging the attractive tombola stall, is due to Miss W. Allan. Helping with the Tombola, was Mrs. Allan her mother. A most entertaining Cindrella pantomine was given by the Junior Sunday School.

Greater Success Than Previously

The united efforts of all members of the Union Church Women's Guild, under the able guidance of Mrs. O. G. R. Beynon, Chairman of the Works Committee, to make this year's Fun Fair an even greater success than those of previous years, as all proceeds are to be donated to the Central British War Fund, all were well rewarded. Apart from Mrs. Beynon, one may here mention the secretary, Mrs. W. C. Scott, and the treasurer, Mrs. Helm. Also doing their share were a number of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

Y.W.C.A. Charity Bazaar Opens Successfully

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the Young Women's Christian Association started the social career of their new premises at 495 Gordon Road with a charity bazaar, which will continue for two days. The proceeds are to be devoted to providing warm winter clothing for the poor of Shanghai, especially for elderly women and young children.

It is not possible to make much impression on the immense amount of poverty in Shanghai even with the most earnest efforts to alleviate it, but it was evident from the enthusiastic crowd of purchasers yesterday that the Y.W.C.A. are not to be defeated in their attempt to see that some women and children at any rate will suffer less from the cold this winter than they might have done. Anything in the way of fuel is hard to get in these days, and the padded garments that are to be provided from the proceeds of this Bazaar will be more than welcome.

The new premises were brightly decorated and on the stalls were to be found any number of useful and attractive things. The organizers of the Bazaar have spent months in preparation of the kind of articles likely to find a ready sale, and here is an opportunity for buying Christmas presents with a good conscience, for every purchase made will bring extra comfort to those who badly need it.

The Y.W.C.A. new premises are at the corner of Gordon and Connaught Roads.

Russians Break Window: Steal Pies

Arkady Yunnin and Innokenly Mylinkoff drew six months and nine months respectively in the First Special District Court yesterday for maliciously breaking the window glass of the Zung Tai Bakery Shop at 69 Park Road on December 1.

Police evidence was that accused threw a stone at the show window worth $700 and broke it. Through the broken window, they stole three pies worth $6. The owner of the Chinese bakery testified that accused first asked for charity. It was after he had paid them ten cents that they broke his window glass much to his surprise, he said.

Cathedral Magazine Features Christmas Appeal for Funds

The Holy Trinity Cathedral magazine, just received, brings the Christmas appeal to the notice of readers by reproduction of the letter of appeal and by references thereto by the Dean as well as in special article by the Hon. Treasurer.

In explaining the need for the appeal, Dean Trivett says "The present state of affairs has been brought about by failure of income to increase in the same ratio as expenses have increased—due mainly to the depreciation of the local currency and the continual rise in local costs. If nothing is done the situation will rapidly deteriorate and all concerned with the Cathedral management have endorsed the Christmas Appeal in an effort to balance the budget. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that all will do their share towards ensuring a continuance of the amenities of our Cathedral and of its work.

Big Adverse Balance

Mr. C. D. Longhurst, Hon. Treasurer, presents certain figures in connection with the appeal in the following words: "Those who have followed the survey of Cathedral Finances in previous issues of this magazine will fully realize the necessity for this appeal. To recapitulate briefly and taking round figures, at December 31, 1940 the Trustees accounts showed a deficit of $50,000 and the Vestry accounts a deficit of $10,000—a total adverse balance of $60,000. For the year 1941 and combining the accounts of the Trustees and Vestry, total ordinary income will amount to approximately $115,000 and expenses to approximately $160,000, thus creating a shortage for the year of $45,000. Adding this to last year's deficit would give a total of $105,000 and it is in an endeavour to avoid starting the new year with such a large deficit that the Christmas Appeal is being launched."

He follows with a plea to magazine readers to respond to the appeal, pointing out that of 1,400 magazine recipients as many as 1,100 are non-subscribers. Finally, he makes an eloquent appeal to all to "assist in maintaining the heritage we have received from those who preceded us in this port; we received from them unencumbered our beautiful Cathedral and its amenities, as well as the facilities for the furtherance of God's work and we have a sacred duty to preserve this heritage during our generation so that we may pass it on—unencumbered as we received it—to the generations that are to follow us.... 'If thou hast much, give plenteously: if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little'."

The Christmas appeal aims at raising CN$100,000 before Christmas Day, this being the amount required to free the Cathedral from debt. Donations may be sent to Mr. C. D. Longhurst, Hon. Treasurer, Holy Trinity Cathedral, 243 Kiangse Road.

Crew of Chien She Desire Old Jobs

More than 100 Chinese members of the crew of the huge dredger, Chien She of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, which sailed to Japan under Japanese orders, are still left jobless in Shanghai. According to the vernacular press, the ship was manned by a new crew and members of the old crew, said to have been dismissed, want to retain their jobs and to this end they have petitioned the new Director of the Board, Mr. L. H. Lawford, former Commissioner of the Shanghai Customs.

For patriotic reasons, it will be recalled, the old crew called a strike thereby delaying the sailing to Japan to do dredging work in a naval base. The Japanese trained a new crew.

Representatives of the old crew have seen a secretary of the board expressing their willingness to continue their services and the secretary is reported to have promised to transmit their message to Mr. Lawford. The old crew is expecting a reply within the next few days.

Chu Mo-ching, a member of the crew who had been detained by the Japanese for some time before the latter sailed, is still recuperating in hospital. It was hinted in the Chinese press that he had been injured.

New S.M.P. Division To Operate Soon

It was learned yesterday that Mr. H. Huruya, Japanese Assistant Commissioner of the S.M.P. who has been nine months with the force will head the new "E" Division of the force which will control part of the Wayside area on or about December 10.

The "E" Division will have a larger representation of Japanese police officers than any other unit of the S.M.P. Its formation was agreed upon more than two years ago between the S.M.C. and the Japanese authorities here with a strength of 300 men drawn from areas north of Soochow Creek after the sector was occupied by the Japanese military following the 1937 hostilities. It was learned yesterday that the strength of the force might be increased.

The establishment of the new division will take place in the near future, possibly the middle of this month as a few minor details remain to be concluded.

Factory Manager And Pedestrian Murdered

Only 2½ months after the murder of the assistant manager of the Shanghai Senior Vacuum Flask Factory Mr. Tsang Ching-fan, its manager, met almost instant death yesterday morning being sped to his doom by a hail of lead fired from a pistol wielded by an unknown Chinese assassin who made his escape. The scene of the crime was the factory lane at 315 Yates Road. A Chinese woman was shot and killed and a pedestrian wounded by stray shots fired by the lone gunman.

The affair is shrouded in mystery but it was thought that the deceased was either the victim of terrorist outrage or business rivalry, with the latter as the more plausible explanation for the shooting. Mr. Chen Chang-chen, formerly assistant manager of the factory, met the same fate on September 18, the 10th anniversary of the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in Manchuria. He was shot at three times in the same alleyway by a gunman and slumped in his rickshaw, mortally wounded while his assassins escaped.

The gunman yesterday adopted similar methods to those of the first shooting. He was lying in wait for his victim in the alley and fired in quick succession when he saw his victim come into sight in a rickshaw. Mr. Tsang was hit by two bullets, while two stray shots hit a male and female pedestrians passing near the entrance to the alleyway. One of them died almost immediately and the other was rushed to the Paulun Hospital with Mr. Tsang in an emergency ambulance. Mr. Tsang was pronounced dead upon arrival, and the other victim was in a critical condition.

Detectives of Chengtu Road station in response to an alarm rushed to the scene, but were too late to intercept the murderer. They detained a pedestrian for questioning.

Wiedemann Says He Is Here on Business

Captain Fritz Wiedemann, German Consul General in Tientsin, and friend of Herr Hitler, who arrived in Shanghai on Friday night from Nanking, was reported in the evening edition of the "Sin Wan Pao" yesterday to have denied that he had come here to preside over a conference of Axis representatives. He entertained newspapermen yesterday morning, it was said, and he asserted that he had arrived here on private business.

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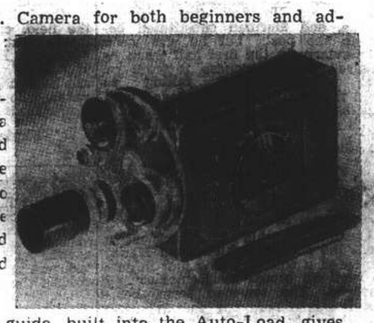

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THE SPORTS PAGE

National Finance Wins Great Barrier Reef Handicap to Complete "National" Triple

By "The Chaser"

FORM again went by the boards yesterday when, although rank outsiders did not win, little fancied ponies emerged victorious to take first honours in each of the seven races that comprised the programme of the Fourteenth Extra Race Meeting. A minor upset was seen when National Finance, with P. Y. Vong in the saddle, romped home the winner of the "A" class of the Great Barrier Reef Handicap which was the feature race of the card.

Making the most of a flying start National Finance streaked away from the start into the lead to establish a useful two length advantage. Senorita on the other hand got away very poorly and only managed to gallop into second place through her dynamic last furlong spurt in which she came through the field like greased lightning to finish two lengths behind the winner. Gold Star made her bid for victory opposite the stands but could not reduce National Finance's lead nor stave off Senorita's determined challenge.

The backers of Fleeting Deer who, with Morgan in the saddle was regarded as an outsider as he was only carrying 130 pounds, were disheartened when he bolted once round the course before the race. Despite this he ran quite a good race and appeared to be going strongly half way down the final stretch.

Pace Too Hot for Fisherlass

Fisherlass could not keep up with sizzling first half furlong of :07.2/5 and the three furlongs of :32.1/5 and fell back right from the start with the result that when the field had reached the last quarter she was nearly fifteen lengths behind it but came up like a 70-mile-an-hour tornado in the last furlong.

Open Market who followed National Finance from the start could not keep up with the hot pace of the winner and fell back at the last furlong to let Senorita and Gold Star pass her. Albanylight, a well fancied runner, got away well and turned into the straight well placed but fell away towards the finish to be out of the picture.

Yesterday was a red-letter day for C. Y. Chiu the youthful owner of the "National" ponies. During the course of the afternoon three of his ponies managed to take premier honours. His exuberant enthusiasm at last seems to be reaping its just reward. The first of his three ponies to win was National Policy, while National Hero and National Finance completed the triple.

Vong Takes Riding Honours

Riding honours fell to P. Y. Vong who piloted National Hero and National Finance to victory. Alfred Noodt and T. C. Woo were next with a win and a place each, while the veteran Portuguese thruster, F. X. Diniz, took another step towards getting out of the red-letter class by winning the novice event on Halbardier.

The day's racing opened with the Great Barrier Reef Handicap, "C" class, and the punters had a slight jolt when Spitfire beat two well-fancied ponies in Rosalie and Fairyray to win by three-quarters of a length. Rosalie was off like a scalded cat the moment the tape went up and was followed by Foxylight. Around the turn it seemed that the winner would be Foxylight as he was going great guns but as suddenly as he jumped into the lead with Rosalie, he fizzled out. There is some rumour that he broke a blood vessel at the top of the straight but whether this is true it was not ascertained.

Win in Last 50 Yards

Spitfire, running third all the way came up slowly in the last quarter and only managed to pass Rosalie in the last fifty yards. Fairyray took some time to get into her stride but the moment she got into it she tore down the last quarter to sweep right through the field and take third place three lengths away.

The forecast pool held on this race provided the biggest dividend of the day as it returned to the lucky backers of the correct combination on the highly satisfactory sum of $528.60 for five. Meanwhile, in the win pari-mutuel, Spitfire paid $59.40.

The Bonny Lad Novice Plate produced the largest field of the day. No less than 21 unplaced maiden subs faced the Starter and after a slightly delay owing to Duncan Fraser having been thrown from his mount Deep Dene by a series of well time bucks, the field was sent away to a good start. Omaha and Deep Dene went out in front and sent a good fast pace. They turned into the straight together but the former soon tired and fell back. But Deep Dene was not left alone in the lead as Halbardier and Barsand had in the meantime draw up along side of him. After a terrific neck-and-neck struggle among the three of them Halbardier eventually managed to triumph by half a length from Barsand while Deep Dene was the same distance away third.

A Runaway Win

Surging away to take the lead on the drop of the flag, National Policy paced the field from start to finish to win the "B" class of the Great Barrier Reef Handicap. Speedman started a raging favourite and although he was well placed turning into the straight could not accelerate and was passed by Maryland and Stardust who filled the minor positions.

The closest finish of the day was seen in the fourth race, the Castlefield Handicap, "C" class, when White Patches just managed to hold off Mischief's last minute spurt to flash past the winning post with the bare margin of a neck to spare. Meanwhile, only a head away was Woodfree Printing third. The field was well bunched all the way and opposite the public stand no one could tell the winner as besides the three winners, there was also Second Thoughts and Sugar Star fighting out the finish. White Patches took the lead from the start when his rider, T. C. Woo, found the pace much too slow. He was followed by Breezybank who trailed off at the last quarter where the other put up their challenges which he successfully held off.

Thrilling "Photo" Finish

Another thrilling "photo" finish was seen in the "B" class of the Castlefield Handicap when National Hero came through just in time to "pip" Shenko out of first place on the post. Only a neck away was White Rascal third. Country Life the favourite for the race flattered for a while at the top of the straight but finished out of the picture. For a while it seemed that Shenko would be the winner, as he came through strongly on the rails to take the lead half way down the straight. Then, in the last fifty yards National Hero put in his spurt to rob Shenko of a win.

The "A" class of the Castlefield Handicap was the concluding event of the day. Drawing away from a line of five in the last twenty yards, Socrates fleeted past the winning post the winner by three quarters of a length. Sunnylight was second while Charming Beauty was third.

1.—THE GREAT BARRIER REEF HANDICAP, "C" Class. 4½ furlongs
Spitfire (Batwing) 150 O. N. Panoff 1
Rosalie (Sing Lee) 150 R. Morgan 2
Fairyray (Ray) 150 C. B. Moller 3
Also ran:—Fire-Ball (Gabor Renner), Two Jays (J. Cockin), Foxylight (F. Noodt), Midnight Star (M. M. Sokoloff), Princess Diana late Megalie (E. J. Bell).
Sweep: (1) 1626. (2) 1946, (3) 182.
Unplaced: 709, 1122, 1236, 1248, 1190.
Won by ¾ length; 3 lengths.
Time, 1.00¾ sec.
Forecast Pool Race CT. Div. $528.60
Sweep: $1,323.84; $378.24; $189.12; $94.55
Win, $59.40. Places, $12, $9.60, $7.40

2.—THE BONNY LAD NOVICES PLATE ¾ mile.
Halberdier (Busted) 153 F. X. Diniz 1
Barsand (H.) 137 Zander Tsok 2
Deen Dene (Anvil) 130 Duncan Fraser 3
Also ran:—Jamestown (M. Hezzard), Blue Serpent (C. W. Wong), Black Market (Y. H. Chou), Omaha (V. H. Oliveira), Art Printing (J. C. Liang), Call Boy (E. J. Bell), Union Power (F. S. Nee), Yellow Stone (C. Y. Chiu), Point Blank (M. W. Chang), Pacific (D. E. Kermode), Brownie late Brown Jack (F. F. Bunn), Ganton (G. M. Sokoloff), Nightmare (Lorenzo Lo), Whirlaway (V. A. N. Chow), Island Captain (R. E. Nash), Lilliput (I. Kinloch), Small Change (L. Y. Liu), Pharlap.
Sweep: (1) 1276, (2) 1419, (3) 153.
Unplaced: 1461, 1681, 1252, 206, 845, 1940, 653, 1420, 1077, 1542, 546, 888, 452, 1925, 1646, 1525, 558, 1363, 151.
Won by ½ length; ½ length.
Time, 1.38¾ sec.
Sweep: $1,691.76; $483.36; $241.68; $31.80
Win, $51.60. Places, $15.40, $31, $9.4

3.—THE GREAT BARRIER REEF HANDICAP, "B" Class. 4½ furlongs
National Policy (C. Y. Chiu) 150 A. Noodt 1
Stardust (H. M. Hindi) 152 Y. S. Chang 2
Maryland (Vents) 148 G. P. Gram 3
Also ran:—Ironstone (H. J. Holden), Speedman (M. M. Sokoloff), Esmerald (F. Noodt), Leading Lady (R. Morgan), Blackpearl (Gabor Renner), Pamlico (M. Hazzard), National Star (P. Y. Vong), Blue Star (G. M. Sokoloff), Fearlessray (C. B. Moller).
Sweep: (1) 1027, (2) 1772, (3) 2257.
Unplaced: 1076, 1448, 1903, 353, 782, 1091, 1514, 2267, 389.
Won by 3 lengths; ½ length.
Time, .58 sec.
Sweep: $2,009.28; $574.08; $287.04; $79.70
Win, $64. Places, $22.40, $22, $17.40.

4.—THE CASTLEFIELD HANDICAP "C" Class. 9 furlongs.
White Patches (S. Wong & T. S. Chang) 148 T. C. Woo 1
Mischief (Dod) 146 G. Pollock 2
Woodfree Printing late Moonshine (T. S. Wong) 151 A. C. Ching 3
Also ran:—Second Thoughts (C. B. Moller), Breezybank (L. Kinloch), Starston (T. Y. Woo), Neptune (Y. S. Chang), Mayfair (J. L. Kay), Sugar Star (S. Y. Sung), Johnnie Walker (C. Y. Wong), Sandy (O. N. Panoff), George (C. P. Gram).
Sweep: (1) 2334, (2) 2726, (3) 1966
Unplaced: 1128, 2402, 108, 575, 2515, 461, 2458, 353, 2363.
Won by a neck; a head.
Time, 2.31¾ sec.
Sweep: $2,318.40; $662.40; $331.20; $92.
Win, $42.40. Places, $15.40, $28.20, $49.20

5.—THE CASTLEFIELD HANDICAP Class. 9 furlongs.
National Hero (C. Y. Chiu) 149 P. Y. Vong 1
Shenko (A. W. Buck) 146 T. C. Woo 2
White Rascal (A. V. White) 156 H. J. Holden 3
Also ran:—Egyptian Cotton (Y. S. Chang), Charming Boy (T. Y. Woo), Bromilow (C. Encarnacao), Hawaii Clipper (A. C. Ching), Country Life (G. P. Gram), Big Dick (Gabor Renner), Safety First (G. Pollock), Cottonlight (A. Noodt), Mistylight (F. Noodt), Sandbar (O. N. Panoff), The Sneak (V. A. Haimovich).
Sweep: (1) 284, (2) 931, (3) 3027.
Unplaced: 3076, 2418, 3308, 2109, 2789, 3278, 2033, 2824, 2245, 1921, 3275.
Won by short head; a neck.
Time, 2.28¾ sec.
Sweep: $2,780.40; $794.40; $397.20; $90.25.
Win, $34.60. Places, $13.80, $26.20, $15.40

6.—THE GREAT BARRIER REEF HANDICAP, "A" Class. 4½ furlongs
National Finance (C. Y. Chiu) 148 P. Y. Vong 1
Senorita (Shibbeth) 164 M. M. Sokoloff 2
Gold Star (Star) 152 Y. S. Chang 3
Also ran:—Open Market late Monogram (T. M. Collaco), Melbournelight (F. Noodt), Fisherlass (Gabor Renner), Albanylight (C. B. Moller), Fleeting Deer (R. Morgan).
Sweep: (1) 938, (2) 986, (3) 811.
Unplaced: 21, 688, 307, 950, 498.
Won by 2 lengths; short head.
Time, .58¼ sec.
Forecast Pool Race CU. Div. $272.80.
Sweep: $4,83.40; $1,382.40; $691.20; $345.60.
Win, $67.20. Places, $18, $8.20, $12.20

7.—THE CASTLEFIELD HANDICAP. "A" Class. 9 furlongs.
Socrates (I. H. Howell) 159 C. Encarnacao 1
Sunnylight (Cire) 151 A. Noodt 2
Charming Beauty (B. H. Wong) 155 A. C. Ching 3
Also ran:—Livelylight (C. B. Moller), White Major (M. Hazzard), Bellington (T. C. Woo), Chancery Lane (Y. S. Chang), The Titmouse (H. J. Holden), Spring Tide (Gabor Renner), El Chico (T. Y. Woo), Diligence (J. K. Brand), Smart Guy (V. H. Oliveira), Army Patrol (C. Y. Wong), Prince Charles (E. J. Bell).
Sweep: (1) 412, (2) 1077, (3) 809.
Unplaced: 2180, 1286, 1012, 881, 1165, 948, 333, 731, 1387, 874, 2095.
Won by ¾ length; a neck.
Time, 2.30 sec.
Sweep: $5,271; $1,506; $753; $171.10.
Win, $54.40. Places, $17.40, $11.60, $12.80.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

The Trio That Completed a Triple

National Finance, with P. Y. Vong in the saddle, is seen in the above picture being led back to the paddock by his owner, C. Y. Chiu, after winning the "A" class of the Great Barrier Reef Handicap yesterday. By winning this race, the "National" stable completed a triple of which the first two legs were supplied by National Policy and National Hero. P. Y. Vong took top riding honours yesterday as he also rode National Hero to victory.

P.T.H. Annihilates Cathedral School 10-2 in Soccer Match

(Contributed)

Overwhelmed by a side that was by far a heavier and a speedier one the Cathedral Boys' School soccer XI sustained a drastic defeat of 10-2 when they met the P.T.H. 1st XI yesterday afternoon at the former's playing ground. In spite of the gallant defence put up by the halves and full backs of the home team, the all-powerful P.T.H. forward line, well supported by their halfbacks, broke through the home defences and scored on ten occasions.

During the first half Viatkin opened the score for his side at the 10th minute. He was followed by Nesvadba. H. Farmer then scored for the Cathedral School as one of the visiting players picked up the ball in the penalty area, when only half of it was over the goal-line. The next three goals were scored by Hassan, Miram and Simoes. During the second half, Simoes started off by scoring two more goals in rapid succession. Crow then managed to get hold of the ball and bringing it up the field, dribbled through the backs, but had to go round the wing to score. He did this admirably. The game continued at the same fast pace and before the end, Simoes once again beat the goalie to it. G. Miram and Nesvadba managed to score a goal each a little later.

P.T.H.: Quincey, Saifeh, Prehoda, Maher, Noopey, Viatkin, O. Miram, Simoes, G. Miram, Hassan, Nesvadba (Capt.)

Cathedral School: Allen, Pearson, de Coster, Eite, A. S. Gander, Warren, Farmer, Gauntlett, Crow (Capt.) Evans, Traynor.

Lusitano Defeat S.R.C. 9-4 In Skottowe Cup Encounter

WITH Marcus Gaan scoring no less than five goals, Lusitano passed into the second round of the Skottowe Cup series at the Race Course yesterday afternoon when they defeated S.R.C. by 9-4, before a large crowd. Play never reached great heights, but proved to be interesting nevertheless and showed that Jack Shute, an old Police and Interport player, could be a dangerous forward if only given a chance. He scored a hat-trick for his side, netting twice in the first half and adding the third goal toward the end of the game.

The Recs were handicapped by the absence of Novikov, their regular goalie, and Herman substituted between the posts, but he was weak particularly in the first half when he allowed the Portuguese to score on two occasions by failing to hold the ball. The losers played with ten men for the first twenty minutes as it was only then that Almeida came in.

Lusitano: A. Rozario, Aquino, Gonsalves, M. Rozario, V. Sousa, H. Collaco, Favacho, I. Remedios, Gaan, Bossuet, Barradas.

S.R.C.: Herman, Lipkovsky, Madar, Almeida, G. Jack, Silva, Kapustin, A. Jack, Shute, A. England, Ryan.

Lusitano started to attack right from the starting whistle and Madar conceded a corner in the first minute to spoil an attack by Remedios and Favacho. The ten-men team, however, was forced on the defensive and it was in the fifth minute that M. Rozario put Gaan through with a well timed pass. The centre beat Lipkovsky to the ball and netted with a grounder.

Fast Scoring

M. Rozario was partly responsible for the next goal, in the eighth minute, when he shot the leather into the middle of the S.R.C. penalty area. "Pussy" Bossuet was on the receiving end and dribbled past Lipkovsky. Herman came out to meet the danger, but was beaten when Bossuet located the net with a fast grounder into the corner of the net.

Herman saved a certain goal in the tenth minute when he stopped a pointblank shot from Remedios, but the ball was again brought into the S.R.C. side of the rectangle and Bossuet tested the substitute goalie with a grass-cutter that brought Herman down.

The Recs made their first dangerous attack in the twelfth minute when Shute put England through, but the latter lost himself in attempting to dribble the ball into the net and was robbed of the ball by Aquino.

The Lusitano's third goal came in the fifteenth minute. Favacho received the ball from Rozario and ran up the field, crossing to Remedios. The inside right took a terrific shot at the goal, but Herman stopped the ball. The Recs' goalie, however, could not hold it and it rebounded to Barradas, who slammed it in from about three yards.

Shute Reduces Arrears

The appearance of Almeida strengthened the Recs somewhat and they made several raids on the Lusitano goal, but Kapustin was too slow on several occasions and Gonsalves managed to keep the right winger paralyzed. The game was completely in favour of Lusitano for the next fifteen minutes, and only poor shooting robbed the Portuguese of more goals. Once, Gaan broke away and had only Herman ahead of him when he stumbled over himself and allowed Madar to recover and clear.

The Recs reduced the deficit in the 30th minute when Ryan put Shute through and the former S.M.P. star beat A. Rozario with a grounder into the corner of the net. Four minutes later, the same player was given another chance to slice the score down and he did not disappoint. The pass came from England, who tapped it past Aquino for Shute to run in and beat the Portguese goalie with another grounder.

The Portuguese awoke after this goal and kept the S.R.C. citadel peppered from all sides, eventually lengthening the score to 4-2 in the 40th minute when Gaan scored in a melee in front of the losers' goal. The movement was started by Barradas who centred and Favacho drove at the goal. Herman again failed to hold the ball and it went to Gaan. The crack centre made no mistake with a shot that had Herman beat all the way.

Lusitano On Top

Three minutes later, Favacho brought the ball up the field and centred. The leather went to Barradas who drew the Recs' goalie out of the goal and netted to bring the account to 5-2 in favour of Lusitano.

It took the Portuguese longer to start going in the second half as Herman grew stronger as the game progressed and pulled off several good saves. The S.R.C. defence crumpled under the persistent attacks in the tenth minute, however, when M Rozario increased the score to 6-2 with a beautiful shot from about twenty yards.

Gaan scored his third goal of the game in the sixteenth minute after resumption when he was put through by M. Rozario and worked his way past Lipkovsky to beat Herman from point-black range.

Canidrome Results

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Place, 1st $8.30; 2nd $9.70.
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1 length.—Time, 17.69.
Win, $18.70. Forecast 3-2 Div. $60.
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3 lengths.—Time, 26.02
Win, $24.10. Forecast 6-1 Div. $124.10.
Place, 1st $12.10; 2nd $14.30.
Double Event 3/4 3-6 Div. $154.10.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Mighty Clever; 1, La Donna.
Dead-Heat.—Time, 30.27.
Win, $8.70—(5). Forecast 5-6 Div. $27.90.
Win, $9.40—(6). Forecast 6-5 Div. $29.00.
Place, 1st $10.80; 1st $11.30.
Double Event 4/5 6-5 Div. $56.90
Double Event 4/5 6-6 Div. $67.70.

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2 lengths.—Time, 29.90.
Win, $11.50. Forecast 5-2 Div. $38.80.
Place, 1st $8.80; 2nd $8.20.
Double Event 5/6 5-5 Div. $19.70.
Double Event 5/6 6-5 Div. $21.10

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Fu Aishun; 2, Great China.
1 length.—Time, 30.39.
Win, $15.70. Forecast 2-4 Div. $65.70.
Place 1st $8.60; 2nd $8.90.
Double Event 6/7 5-2 Div. $31.60.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Orange Bloom; 2, Stolen Quibble.
A head.—Time, 30.17.
Win, $17.60. Forecast 6-5 Div. $44.70.
Place, 1st $9.60; 2nd $9.90.
Double Event 7/8 2-6 Div. $83.60.

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3 lengths.—Time, 29.50.
Win, $23.40. Forecast 3-1 Div. $173.90.
Place, 1st $14.70; 2nd $21.20.
Double Event 8/9 6-3 Div. $98.30.

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3 lengths.—Time, 29.13.
Win, $53.60. Forecast 1-6 Div. $214.70
Place 1st $24.90; 2nd $25.70.
Double Event 9/10 3-1 Div. $346.90.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Sans Parole; 2, Mystic Blush.
1 length.—Time, 29.69.
Win, $59.50. Forecast 9-2 Div. $124.70.
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JRC Maccabi Edge Out Harlequins in Hockey Tussle

The J.R.C. Maccabi owed their 3-2 victory over the S.H.C. Harlequins in a friendly hockey game at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, principally to the brilliant play by Waldman, while in his favourite position of inside left. He alone was responsible for two of the three goals scored,—the other goal was made possible through his indefatigable efforts.

In the first half, the S.H.C. Harlequins played without a goalie. Despite this handicap, they showed every confidence and managed to keep their end of the game up. A tie of 2-2 was seen when the first half ended.

The second half found the Jews attacking vigorously with Waldman exhibiting first class hockey, and being ably supported by Schrantz, playing in the pivotal position. His sizzlers were too much for the Hockey Club goalie, who though playing valiantly had to let in the deciding point.

Yoeman work on the part of Silvey, did much to keep matters even. He was everywhere; turning up miraculously whenever he was most needed. He was in the heart of every attack and in the thick of every defensive move.

Forwards Exhibit Evenness

The other forwards exhibited evenness in their play and were dangerous. Unfortunately, they had to encounter the resistance of the strong Jewish half line.

King, cast in the role of goal keeper during the second half, evidently did his best but was better as a back, which was the position occupied by him in the first half. However, this was his first appearance this season.

The teams were as follows:

J.R.C. Maccabi: Probst; Minstein, Benjamin; Bauer, Schrantz, Ascher; Goldstein, Waldman, Schaeffer, Duldner, Braunthal.

S.H.C. Harlequins: King; Grofils, Peason; Kale, Wallace, Burch; Black Allen, Silvey, Underwood, Hutchison.

The Harlequins were the first to adopt aggressive tactics and was soon giving the Jewish team a good deal to worry about. They did not seem to feel the lack of a custodian very much,—in fact, they decided to take a firm attitude and was soon leading by one goal. The scorer was the redoubtable veteran, Silvey. This evidently was not in the Jewish books and they soon engineered sally after sally on the Hockey Club citadel and as a result of a concerted movement initiated by Schranz, Waldman in one of his brilliant runs netted his first goal.

Hutchison Scores

By no means fazed, the Harlequins soon got underway with another attack and Hutchison, taking a flyer, put in the second goal for his side. They did not keep their lead very long, however, for the Israelites, kept up an insistent pressure and Schaefer receiving a pass from Waldman, equalized.

Putting King in the goal weaken the active defensive units and gave the Jews a slight edge; Silvey had to go back often to keep them from scoring. This naturally made the Harlequin attacks less effective. Waldman soon improved his shining hour by putting in his second goal. The game ended with the score resting at 3-2 in favour of the sons of Israel.

Yesterday's Hockey Scores at a Glance

J.A.C. Blues 2, United Spartans 1
J.R.C. Maccabi 3, S.H.C. Harlequins 2
Municipal Gaol 2, Police Ionians 1

Soccer Programme For Today

The following is the soccer programme for today:

Skottowe Cup 1st Round:—F.M.P. v. J.R.C., R.G. 2, 2.45 p.m.

The Ling Cup 1st Round:—R.A.D. v. Fil. A.A., R.G. 5, 2.45 p.m.; Xaverians v. Synag., R.G. 1, 2.45 p.m., Wayfoong v. Brit. Navy, R.G. 3, 2.45 p.m.

3rd division:—Lun Chong v. Xaverians, Kiaochow.

French Forces Upset Ling You in League Basketball Game

The French Forces created a minor upset when they defeated the Ling You cagers 31-27 in a "B" division tussle of the "Y" City Basketball League at the Foreign "Y" Gymnasium yesterday afternoon. With the winners considered to be more of a fun-provoking aggregation than a serious team, their performance yesterday entitles them to a higher estimation in the eyes of basketball fans.

Ling You rallied noticeably in the second period and were able to outscore their opponents by two points. However, the 19-13 count in favour of the French Forces at the end of the initial period was the deciding factor. Playing an able game, the French had the advantage over Ling You, although it cannot be said they were especially outstanding.

Starring for the French was Levy. With a total of 17 points to his credit, he was easily the best man on the floor. Apart from his large contribution towards the French victory, he was always to the fore in all plays of his side. Demail was another outstanding player. Ably supporting his fellow-cager Levy, the two of them forming the nucleus of the French squad.

Lack of Initiative

On the side of the losers, Y. Sung, was perhaps the only players of mention. Speedy and lithe, his shooting ability secured him the scoring honours of his side. The remaining Ling You players did not show any initiative and had it not been for Sung the foreigners would have had a much easier time.

The encounter between Blue White "B" and Shanghai Bank postponed.

Box scores follow:

French Forces

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Levy, f.	8	1	1	17
Tissot, f.	1	0	1	2
Polly, c.	0	0	4	0
Lai, c.	1	0	0	2
Huan, g.	0	0	0	0
Demail, g.	4	2	3	10
	14	3	9	31

Ling You

J. S. Fu, f.	1	0	2	2
C. C. Sun, f.	0	0	0	0
K. Z. Chang, f.	1	0	0	2
Y. M. Wong, f.	3	0	1	6
Y. K. Sung, c.	2	0	1	4
Y. Sung, g.	5	2	1	12
Y. T. Moh, g.	0	1	2	1
S. Z. Chu, g.	0	0	0	0
	12	3	7	27

French Forces: 1st half 19, 2nd half 12.
Ling You: 1st half 13, 2nd half 14.

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J.A.C. Blues Triumph Over Spartans By 3-2 in Friendly Hockey Match

In a friendly but bumpy fashion, the J.A.C. Blues won the hockey tussle against the United Spartans by 2-1 at the Race Course yesterday afternoon. The game was marked by scattered attacks and haphazard defence on the part of both the Portuguese and United sides. It would have developed into an evenly matched encounter, had K. M. Pate—the star back for the United—not deserted his usual medium and gone forward to do some attacking.

The winners had a stout defender in Maher, who played a sterling game. His cool clearances helped to send the forwards in the right direction. In this he was greatly assisted by having in N. Collaco, a reliable goalie to keep the ball out of the citadel. The rest of the team played hard, fast and furious but with little science. Some of the younger players showed promise and would no doubt develop into good players with some practice.

The United Spartans' usually reliable goalie, Jacob, played a very poor game and could have saved the day for his side had he proceeded with caution and care. The two goals scored by the enemies were not particularly difficult to cope with.

Viccajee, the half back and Robertson, the left back were the only two persons in the United's defence who played somehing after the manner of good hockey.

The forwards—Yourieff and H. Bojesen—did quite well for his side and managed to keep the attack dangerous. Unfortunately, the lack of effective combination nullified all their efforts.

The teams were as follows:

J.A.C. Blues: N. Collaco; Maher, Gulimali; Braga, Waller, Xavier; Canavarro, Gutierrez, G. Collaco, A. Collaco, V. Collaco.

United Spartans: Jacob; Robertson, Pate; Koffman, Nesteroff, Viccajee; Worley, Greenberg, H. Bojesen, Wilde, Yourieff.

The J. A. C. Blues in spite of the many young players in their forward line started rather slowly and as a result the Spartans got the better of the exchanges. After settling down, things began to become more even. Pate, playing back, exhibited masterliness in his clearances and broke up attempt after attempt made by the Collacos to break in on the citadel. Led by H. Bojesen, in the centre forward position, and Yourieff, on the left flank, a quick get away was cleverly made and, after the goalie, N. Collaco, saved with a kick a hot one from H. Bojesen, Yourieff streaked in and chalked up the first goal for his side. The game then became a ding dong affair with neither side being able to get an edge over the other.

The second half opened with prospects of neither side being able to do much against the other. But Pate, tired of having an easy time, decided to do some scoring. He filled the berth of inside left and did some hefty wielding of the hockey stick to no avail.

The Blues were not idle, however, and A. Collaco soon put in his two goals.

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World in Throes of Spreading War; Japan Press Hostile

By Alfred Morley Over XGDN

WE have had plenty of reminders this week that the world is in the throes of war and that war, once started, spreads. Comfortable-living Shanghai has been shaken in its complacency. It has said goodbye to over 400 British evacuees, it has had its already rationed petrol cut by half, shipping services have been further curtailed, there have been some new monetary restrictions and, all-in-all, it was rather exciting last week. Hongkong and Singapore have mobilized their defence forces, further British troops have arrived in the Far East, and a powerful naval force is now at the Singapore naval base, said Mr. Alfred Morley over XGDN on Friday.

And while all these things have been going on, we have had news of the strong attitude taken in the Washington talks by President Roosevelt, of the hostile attitude of the Japanese press towards any suggestion that Japan should substantially readjust her policies and, to add to the tension, Mr. Cordell Hull has openly accused Japan of military despotism in the conquered territories of Asia. If any situation looked, on the surface, as heading for war the Far Eastern situation has looked increasingly so these past few days.

The two things clearly established are that Japan cannot go on much longer suffering, as we know she suffers, the present severe economic strangulation and, that if she wishes to obtain relief, she must make a substantial contribution towards a truly better state of affairs in this part of the world.

If she adheres to old policies, if she continues to make military moves which menace the territories or communications of others, if she still plays the game of the European Axis, she will be crying to the moon when she complains of economic injury.

Rectification in Far East

It is clear beyond the shadow of a doubt that the United States, Britain and other associated Powers are determined to bring about a rectification and readjustment of the Far Eastern situation and that if Japan refuses her co-operation she will be left to suffer present penalties. If she decides on any further military measures, then it looks like war—and not a small war at that. Japan's whole future is in the balance.

This week's news from Libya first lifted one up, only to let one down. They seem to have some highly imaginative newspapermen in Cairo, or perhaps there's something in the air of North Africa which creates an atmosphere of premature elation. In any case, there has been some thoroughly bad reporting.

Enemy Quite Strong

I am in no doubt myself that the initial phases of the Libyan offensive were extremely successful but it doesn't do to wipe out your enemy on paper before you have wiped him out on the field. And it was always known that the enemy was there in considerable strength. It was an attacking force; it was sent to Libya for the purpose of driving through to Suez; it was a powerful aggregation of mechanized and highly mobile hitting power.

The British force which attacked it was also strong and there were bound to be fluctuations, pockets and a fluidity of movement. But if the British haven't had things all their own way they have most certainly had the best of them. They have inflicted serious damage and heavy casualties; they have so far been stronger in the air; they have better and shorter supply lines from their base; they can receive support from the Navy; and there is confidence both in Cairo and London regarding the outcome.

Nazi Troops from Russia

The Germans are hurrying aid to their own forces by way of the air, and there is no question that much has been drawn away from the Russian front which otherwise would have been used in that now critical campaign. The Libyan battle cannot be a short-term affair. But it is already an extremely important gain, because the Axis force has been cheated of its purpose. It has been damaged beyond the possibility of launching an attack upon Egypt, and there are still plenty of chances that it will eventually be reduced to impotence.

Tremendous Change at Rostov

There has been a truly spectacular change in South Russia, where Marshal Timoshenko's armies have driven the Nazis out of Rostov and the regions around Taganrog. Moscow claims that heavy casualties are being inflicted on the retreating Germans. At the same time the battle for Moscow is going far from well for Hitler at some points, even though the Germans have made slight progress at others.

Tribute to Russians

If ever tribute was deserved it is tribute to the Russian Army and Air Force. Ever since June they have faced the might of Germany's great war machine. They have been forced to give up a great deal of ground; they have lost large quantities of equipment as well as important industrial centres, but they never lost spirit.

They have destroyed their own towns rather than leave them intact for the enemy, they have kept their moral where many others might have lost it. And now they are hitting back with all they have got. It has been a wonderful showing and excites admiration. For well over five months Hitler has had to spend in a truly prodigious way, and what has he got for it? He has not destroyed the Russians' power of resistance and now he is being forced to retreat from the line of advance he took to reach the Caucasian oil.

Lend-Lease Aid to Turkey

And there is tremendous significance in the decision of President Roosevelt openly to extend Lease and Lend aid to Turkey. I think it is one of the most illuminating signs of the times. It means that Turkey will never let her territory be used by Germany and will fight if territory is violated. Turkey has always given assurances to that effect and there has never been any reason to doubt otherwise, but that she should now be an open recipient of aid under the terms of an Act passed in order to assist countries suffering from or threatened with aggression tells its own story of Turkey's decision

Discontent in Germany

It is worthy of more than passing note that discontent within Germany itself is beginning to show more openly. It is nothing really serious as yet, but the symptoms appear. Goebbels' note has lost much of its confident stridency; there is more "explanation" being done; the peoples of occupied Europe are as antagonistic as ever; and economic conditions are worsening.

This is not wishful thinking; it is a fact. Hard indeed is it to understand the increasing surrender of the Men of Vichy. Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan have met Goering for some as-yet-undisclosed act of further "collaboration." One could understand protesting submission to seriously penal pressure; one cannot understand the boasted co-operation with the Nazis in the name of a better Europe.

America's Weight Envisaged

And now that I have mentioned America in this connection, let there be no mistake about the weight of her non-belligerent contribution to this war. You have seen published figures of her shipbuilding output. It is already three ships per week; it will soon be two per day.

The output of planes and tanks is stepping up to new and progressive records; the buildings of a two-ocean navy in which hundreds of ships will be included is ahead of schedule; a new defence appropriations bill, calling for the expenditure of over $8.000,000,000 has been approved by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives; and look wherever one will at the American scene we find abounding confirmation of the policy to do all that is necessary to bring about the defeat of the Axis powers.

Colonel Knox gave a reminder the other day that the United States has seventeen battleships in commission and fifteen more are being constructed: that she has seven aircraft carriers now and eleven more on the stocks. He gave other figures, too, all in proof that if America is forced to war it will be a formidable contribution that she will bring. America is fully aware of all that this war means.

She has committed herself to the defeat of Hitler; she is prepared, and still preparing to honour that commitment. That is one of the greatest facts in this struggle, and those who overlook it are fooling themselves.

British Womanpower

If America is still preparing, so is Britain. Never before in British history was so great a mobilization of the manpower and womanpower of the nation attempted. It is to the purposes of war that all energies are being bent. Mr. Winston Churchill's speech in the Commons on Tuesday was both a warning and an inspiration. He asked—confident of willing response—for the women to volunteer for national work; he told of growing strength; of 1,700,000 well-armed men in the Home Guard; and of a regular army as well armed as the forces of the enemy. Where now are the tales of a smashed and defeated Britain with which Axis propagandists were regaling and deluding their peoples a year ago?

When we go back to last year, surely we find the true perspective by which to judge of the present. We have a long and hard road ahead; we have hard knocks to suffer, like the loss of the Australian cruiser Sydney after she sank a big armed enemy raider; we can't expect walkovers like the optimists painted at the beginning of the Libyan campaign; we still have "sweat, blood and tears" to shed; and we out here may have to go through some bitter experiences.

But the end of the road, if not in sight, is a known destination.

Thailand Has No Secret Treaties

Bangkok, Dec. 6.

Thailand has no secret military pact with any foreign Power, declared the Premier, Field-Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, yesterday.

In an interview with the Bangkok Chronicle, he said: "We have a non-aggression pact with Britain and a treaty of amity with Japan. If these great Powers do not consider such sacred treaties scraps of paper then Thailand must be considered safe from invasion." Thailand, he stated, must remain prepared at all times because she should not be taken by surprise though she had no idea who would be her enemy. "If we cannot escape war we have got to fight, fight well and fight to the end," the Premier added.—Reuter.

Diplomatic observers attach a great deal of significance to the fact that the Premier thought it necessary to make a public pronouncement yesterday, when the Far Eastern tension was reported to be reaching breaking point.

They also think it no less significant that for the second time in three weeks the Premier has categorically denied that Thailand has entered into a military pact with any foreign power.

No "Scrap-of-Paper" Attitude

It is recalled that on November 11 the Premier flatly contradicted an accusation by the Japanese press that Thailand was negotiating a joint defence agreement with Britain.

Observers hold that the Premier's repeated refutation of the charge of a military alliance gives some clue to what he considers the danger spot.

The Premier believes that Thailand need not fear an invasion as long as both Britain and Japan do not treat their non-aggression pact with Thailand as scraps of paper. He is therefore determined, observers point out, that there shall be no excuse for a "scrap-of-paper" attitude on the ground that Thailand has contracted a military alliance with the other party.—Reuter.

Search for Sydney Abandoned

Melbourne, Dec. 6.

Search for the missing Australian cruiser Sydney has been abandoned, it was officially announced today.

The Sydney was believed to have sunk with all hands after a battle with the German merchant raider Kormoran (Steirmarck) which also was sunk in Australian waters.—United Press.

Former Korean Missionary Dies

Chicago, Dec. 6.

Reverend George Shannon McCune, 67, Presbyterian leader who served from 1903 to 1937 as President of the Union Christian College at Pengyang, Korea with the exception of a six-year term as President of Huron College, South Dakota, died here yesterday.—United Press.

Large Shanghai "Family" in Great Need

One of Shanghai's largest "families" is in dire need. This is the great family of Russian girls at St. Olga's Orphanage which is situated at 350 Avenue du Roi Albert. The institution was organized some years ago and is conducted by Abbess Ariadna of the Convent of Our Lady of Vladimir also in Avenue du Roi Albert. It is largely supported by funds provided by the convent church, but they are unable to bear the whole burden, particularly in these difficult days.

The number of children varies, but there are at present sixty, aged from two to sixteen years. All are either orphans or children of destitute parents; some two or three of the latter pay from $10 to $15 a month towards their children's board. The children sleep in four dormitories which are, naturally, but unavoidably, overcrowded, and it is even necessary that in some cases two and even three children sleep in one bed, as there is is no room in the dormitories for additional beds. The orphanage cannot turn away children who are brought in and the overcrowding must, therefore, continue with the existing limited accommodation.

All the work of caring for the children is carried out by the convent sisters themselves, or by the older children. There are no hired servants of any description, which explains the remarkably low cost of maintenance of the orphanage. Even so, the monthly expenditure exceeds $6,500 and this sum cannot possibly be reduced, in fact it is more liable to increase following the general trend of prices. The running expenses are covered principally, as stated above, by contributions received from the convent church, profits from the convent dairy and the convent knitting establishment, but a substanial part of the monthly expenditure has to be collected from other sources which is done by raffles, mah-jong parties, charitable donations, etc. It is necessary to explain that whilst the dairy run by the convent is an important feature, they own no live stock and have to purchase their milk in the open market from which is made butter, cheese and various other special foods.

Meat Twice a Week

The diet of the children consists principally of bread, made in the convent. Approximately 75 lbs of bread and 50 lbs. of potatoes are used a day. The children get meat only twice a week, but the younger ones are given milk and cottage cheese from the convent dairy. Five big slabs of washing soap are used each day for washing of clothes which is done by the children themselves.

All the children receive at the orphanage education consisting of the first three classes of the average primary school, but the more gifted ones are sent to other schools to receive more advanced education. At the present time eight children attend Ecole Remi.

Visitors will be welcomed at all times, and it is necessary to visit the establishment to obtain a true picture of this large but happy family. The children in this institution are indeed happy in their affection for Abbess Ariadna, who has devoted so many years to the care and welfare of orphaned and destitute children.

Help is needed and needed urgently to take them over the difficult days through which we are passing and contributions, however small, will be most gratefully received in either cash or kind.

Republicans Block Thai Student From West Point

Washington, Dec. 6.

Three Republican Representatives yesterday at least temporarily blocked passage of a resolution to permit 22-year-old Ananta Khittasangka to enrol in the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Representative Clare Hoffman, Michigan Republican demanded assurances that "this young man will not learn military secrets and then go home and tell someone."

Representative Earl Michener, Michigan Republican, and Representative Robert Rich, Pennsylvania Republican, also opposed the resolution after which Representative Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, instructed Representative Andrew J. May, Democrat of Kentucky, to withdraw temporarily his resolution permitting the young Siamese to enroll at West Point.

It was recalled that Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, favoured the resolution as a gesture of friendship to Thailand.—United Press.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Wedding of Mr. W. R. McCracken and Miss N. Vorobieff

The wedding took place yesterday morning at Holy Trinity Cathedral of Mr. W. R. McCracken and Miss Natalie Vorobieff.

M. Lozovsky, Soviet Spokesman World's Best Broadcaster

By John Hanford Over XGDN

PROPAGANDA plays an extremely important part in modern warfare and the way in which the spokesman for a combatant will announce his news of the engagements in a particular campaign, the gains and losses of his side and their fortunes in battle, will determine to a very large extent the confidence that is placed in that side's leaders not only by their own people but by their friends, by neutrals and even by their enemies.

So the success of direct propaganda to the enemy depends not only on the skill of the propagandist, but presenting news and making claims. That is why I have chosen M. Lozovsky as the subject of this talk for as spokesman for the Soviet Information Bureau his is a most important position and events have amply justified his announcements his statements and his claims just as they have given the lie to the nonsense put out by the Nazis.

D.N.B. after less than a month of fighting actually made this claim—"the main strength of the powerful Soviet Army is broken. In addition, Soviet units are greatly confused and leadership may not be able to prevail. The breaking of the Stalin line in several places.....has decided the course and outcome of the campaign against Bolshevism in the interests of Europe."

Quite Typical Claims

These are two quite typical claims and after the confusion which seemed to obscure the events of those first few weeks the world has been able to gain a very clear realization that the Nazis in spite of their undoubted strength have throughout the Russian campaign indulged in unjustifiable bombast and extravagant claims whereas Russian news and Russian claims have taken a high place for reliability.

Lozovsky was born as Solomon Abramovitch Dridzo, 63 years ago, the son of a village schoolmaster. He took the name by which he is now known from the town of Lozovaya where he was sent after he joined the Bolsheviks in 1901. From the time he was eight he has supported himself in a variety of ways. First as a street corner hawker, then as a butcher's boy and a blacksmith's apprentice until finally at the age of 21 he was sent to Kazan for military service.

It was in the barracks at Kazan that he first began to learn something of social democracy. He joined the larger section of the social democratic party or Bolsheviks and became a member of the Kazan Committee. From Kazan he was sent to Lozovay where he tried to earn a living by giving lessons. And there among the working people he started to learn about trade union organization, a subject on which he has since become an expert.

First Official Position

In June 1917 after some differences of opinion over the party line during the October Revolution and over the method of handling trade union problems, he finally prevailed on them to accept his ways and became secretary of the powerful Railwaymen's Union.

Lozovsky is elegant, not a fop, but almost a dandy. He has been described as purposefully elegant as if he would use his appearance like his wit to emphasize the verbal manifestations of his lively and supple brain. He wears a beard and moustache, has well marked eyebrows and a rather flowing professorial mane of hair. His hands are beautifully kept, his fingers white and rather short.

He carries and sometimes uses, though more often as a property than as an aid to sight, a pair of rimless spectacles. With these he will gesticulate, making a point of peeping over the lenses to see the effect of a joke. In his buttonhole is the red plaque that proclaims him Deputy of the Soviet Supreme Council.

He became the mouthpiece of the Kremlin and the world's best broadcaster; a sort of minister of information, director of propaganda and Foreign Office spokesman in one. A counterpart of Dr. Goebbels but with a reliability and responsibility that Goebbels lacks and with a finesse an adroitness and a sense of humour that Goebbels doesn't pretend to have.

Brilliant Soviet Figure

He is one of the most brilliant figures on the Soviet stage and at the beginning of the campaign he uttered a daring prophecy the fulfilment of which seems nearer today than it did a few weeks ago. "Hitler will leave the Soviet Union faster than he entered," said Lozovsky, "and unlike Napoleon he will only see the Kremlin on picture postcards."

One of Lozovsky's most effective manœuvres was the interruption of the official Nazi news broadcasts from the long wave Station Deutschlandsender by a voice which may well have been his own since he speaks perfect German. The voice promptly christened "Der Snag" in England, would catch the broadcaster up on almost every statement and when the Nazis tried to jam it out they only jammed their own.

Indo-China Arrest Of M.M. Manager Rouses Anxiety

Considerable stir has been caused in French Indo-China and local shipping circles by news of the arrest of M. Pascalis, head of the Messageries Maritimes and its agent for Indo-China at Saigon, according to a recent arrival here from the south. It was understood that M. J. Cochet, general agent of the Company in the Far East who left for Indo-China by the Marechal Joffre a few days ago will take over the concurrent duty of principal of the company for Indo-China. A short Reuter cable touched this subject last week.

M. Pascalis, a man of 45 and one of the most prominent French businessmen in Indo-China has been detained in Saigon where he has lived for a number of years and has a wide circle of friends. His arrest was reported to be due to a detailed report which he was alleged to have despatched to the head office of the company in France, regarding the difficulties of the company in Indo-China resulting from the Japanese penetration. Vichy was reported to have ordered the arrest of the sender for improperly posting confidential information which reached non-French hands.

Crude Oil to Japanese

The visitor from Saigon stated that news has gone the rounds in Indo-China that a ship's officer recently had to apologize for stating that he had picked up from a Singapore radio the news that a certain ships plying between Manila and French Indo-China had been supplying crude oil to Japanese warships between Manila and Saigon. The officer was exposed by a friend, it was stated, and was compelled to offer his apologies for the remarks which he had made.

Wavell Satisfied With Results of 1941

Calcutta, Dec. 6.

"We can congratulate ourselves on the result of the campaigns in 1941 which is now drawing to a close," said General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, addressing a gathering here yesterday on the occasion of an air display by the Royal Air Force in connection with the Calcutta National Defence and Savings Week.

He added: "It was bound to be a critical year for us since the enemy at the beginning was at the height of his strength in numbers, equipment and prestige while we were still unready and ill-equipped. Hitler undoubtedly promised his people complete victory in 1941. He has not got it. The end of the year finds us stronger than ever, while the enemy has suffered crippling losses in men and material and even a more vital loss in confidence."

General Wavell said the Defence Department was taking all possible steps to protect the industrial areas of India against any threat.

He said he had seen many of India's soldiers abroad and in India, and much of India's effort in making materials of war. "I was much impressed with what I saw. Of India's troops I say only this: that never in the proud military annals of India has the reputation of her warriors stood higher or their bearing and exploits been more admired."—Reuter.

Murdoch Warns Japan

London, Dec. 6.

Sir Keith Murdoch, during a tour of Midland factories today in a speech declared "if Japan chooses to fight she will get it."

He added that the American Navy was ready to defend American interests.—United Press.

N.Y.K. Tatuta Maru to Call at Manzanillo

Mexico City, Dec. 5.

The Tatuta Maru, luxury liner of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which left Yokohama on December 2 for the United States to pick up Japanese desiring to return to Japan, will call at Manzanillo on December 18 or 19, it was disclosed here today. The Tatuta Maru is en route to the United States in accordance with a Japanese-American shipping agreement.

It was revealed that Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, who has been recalled to Tokyo to report to the government, and several other Legation members will return to Japan aboard the vessel.—Domei.

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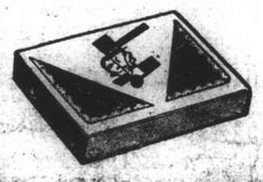

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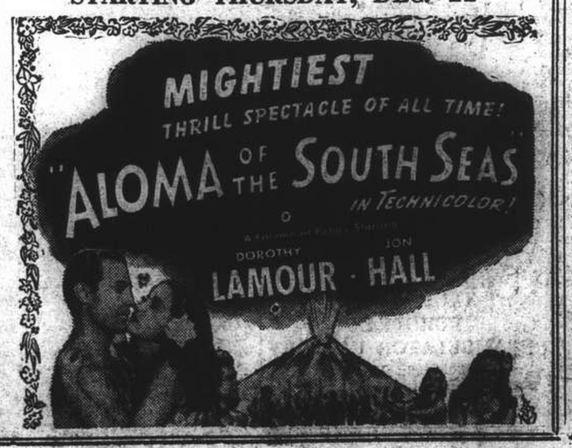

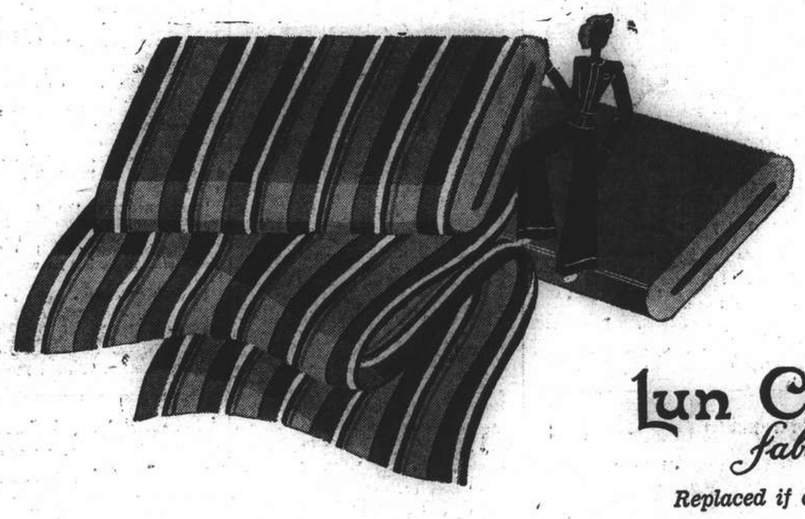

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PASSING SHOW NEWS AND NOTES

"Sleepers West"

Coming soon to a local cinema are Lloyd Nolan, Lynn Bari, Mary Beth Hughes, Edward Brophy and Ben Carter.

Current Films

CATHAY.—"Angels Over Broadway."—Between dusk and dawn, a glamorous romance is enacted that embraces four people all in search of a "break," and brings to a focus all the glamour, romance, humour and heartbreak of the Great White Way. With Douglas Fairbanks, Rita Hayworth, Thomas Mitchell, John Qualen, George Watts and Ralph Theodore.

MAJESTIC.—"Major Barbara."—George Bernard Shaw's delightfully witty romance of a Salvation Army lassie whose desire to live in two worlds at once was very nearly wrecked by her all too simple sweetheart and her all too clever father. With Wendy Hiller, of "Pygmalion" fame. Rex Harrison Robert Morley, Marie Lohr, Robert Newton Emlyn Williams, Sybil Thorndike, David Tree, Marie Ault and Donald Calthrop.

ROXY.—"Blossoms in the Dust."— A stirring tale of a great woman's fight against Mid-Victorian prejudice, this picture stars the beautiful Greer Garson in the greatest role of her career—a performance well worthy of the Academy Award. Supporting are Walter Pidgeon and Felix Bressart.

NANKING.—"New Wine."—Unforgettable Schubert melodies, both sung and played by symphony orchestras, provide a glorious musical background for the romantic love story of their composer amid 19th century settings in Vienna and rural Hungary, with Irene Massey, Alan Curtis, Albert Basserman, Binnie Barnes, John Qualen, Billy Gibert and Sterling Holloway.

GRAND.—"Navy Blues."—Crammed full of songs, dances and merry wisecracks, this is the amusing story of a two gobs on the U.S. Cleveland who get into girl trouble and money trouble in romantic Hawaii. With Ann Sheridan, Jack Oakie, Martha Raye Jack Haley and the Navy Blues Sextette.

DOUMER.—"White Eagle."—The perennial favourite of Western films, Buck Jones, at his greatest in the latest serial, a thrilling story of the clash between Indians and whites, lawabiding citizens and renegades, gripping from beginning to the end.

CAPITOL.—"Romance of Rio Grande."—It's two-time romance and twice the trouble when the Cisco Kid meets his double in Old Arizona. With Cesar Romero, Patricia Morison, Chris-Pin Martin and Lynne Roberts.

Films Coming

"The Big Store."—The madcap Marx Brothers—Groucho, Chico and Harpo—go on another riot of fun in this merry comedy which promises to

"Angels Over Broadway"

Rita Hayworth, with Douglas Fairbanks, at the Cathay.

exceed the popularity of their former hits. Cast in support are Tony Martin and Virginia Grey, who handle the love interest. Coming next at the ROXY.

"Riders of the Purple Sage."—Zane Grey's thrilling tale of love and vengeance in the Old West has been filmed against a background of scenic splendour, with a cast that includes many of the greatest riders of the range and is headed by George Montgomery, Mary Howard, Robert Barrat, Lynne Roberts, Richmond, Patsy Patterson and Richard Lane. Coming to the GRAND.

"This Woman is Mine."—Frank Lloyd's latest sea epic tells a tense tale of life aboard a Yankee Clipper en route from Boston to Oregon via Cape Horn that runs the gamut of thrills from fights against the ocean to a mutiny at sea. With Franchot Tone, John Carroll, Walter Brennan, Nigel Bruce, Leo G. Carroll and Carol Bruce. Coming to the MAJESTIC.

"Aloma of the South Seas."—Thrilling and exotic technicolour romance of an island paradise in the Pacific and of the simple folk who lived there unmindful of the slumbering volcano on whose slopes they fought and made idyllic love. With Dorothy Lamour, Jon Hall, Philip Reed, Katherine de-Mille, Fritz Leiber and Don Drake. Coming to the GRAND and NANKING.

"The Trial of Mary Dugan."—With Robert Young and Laraine Day. Surprises jump at you in the most exciting courtroom thriller ever filmed in Bayard Veiller's drama of Mary Dugan, a girl with a dangerous past. Coming to the ROXY.

"Out of the Fog."—The lovers of the "Sea Wolf" are together again in a tense tale of consummate villainy and confiding love in an Atlantic seaside summer resort that winter changes into a storm-swept fishing village. With John Garfield, Ida Lupino, Thomas Mitchell, Eddie Albert, George Tobias, John Qualen and Aline MacMahon. Coming to the CATHAY.

"The Smiling Ghost."—Thrills, Shivery chills and rib-tickling comedy make this eerie tale of the Kiss-of-Death girl one of the year's most unusual mystery dramas. It will have you guessing right up to the breathtaking finale....and even then. With Wayne Morris, Brenda Marshal, Alexis Smith, Alan Hale, Lee Patrick, Helen Westley, David Bruce and Willy Best. Soon at the GRAND.

"Moonlight in Hawaii."—Gaiety, glamour and lots of catchy tunes punctuate the fun-filled adventures of three irresponsible radio artistes who stow away aboard a boat bound for Hawaii. With Jane Frazee, Leon Errol, Mischa Auer, Johnny Downs, Sunnie O'Dea, Maria Montes, Marjorie Gateson and Richard Carle. Coming to the NANKING.

"Little Nelly Kelly."—With Judy Garland and George Murphy. Singing your favourite ballads in the swingy Judy style. Bringing the world out of its gloom with that catchy Judy smile. Coming to the ROXY.

"Singapore Woman."—Every man in Singapore knew the tragic story of this marked woman of the Orient, yet not one could resist the lure that smouldered in her sultry eyes.....until a young planter from the jungle came to town. With Brenda Marshall, David Bruce, Virginia Field, Jerome Cowan, Rose Hobart, Heather Angel, Richard Ainley Dorothy Tree, and Gilbert Emery. Coming to the NANKING.

"Nine Lives are Not Enough."—Crammed with lively action, comic situations and vivid characterization, this exciting detective thriller tells of a frantic

"Major Barbara"

Starred at the Majestic today is Wendy Hiller.

newspaper reporter who's always getting in a jam but invariably lands on his feet. With Ronald Reagan, Joan Perry, James Gleason, Howard da Silvea, Edward Brophy, Vera Lewis and Ben Weldon. Coming to the NANKING.

"Sleepers West."—Fiction's two-fisted Michael Shayne, the fast-talking, imperturbable sleuth of 100 stories, has the job of escorting a vital witness to a murder trial that will ruin big reputations. What happens on the trans-continental journey provides both laughs and thrills. With Lloyd Nolan, Lynn Bari, Mary Beth Hughes, Louis Jean Heydt, Edward Brophy, Don Costello and Ben Carter. Coming to the GRAND.

To Dine and Dance

ARGENTINA.—Ullstein's band. Three Nelson Sisters and Svetlova, Linda, Tourenin ensemble.

BALALAIKA.—Night club. Zimi's orchestra, Redji, Muntzeff and Dimoff.

CASANOVA.—Soffre's orchestra. Vocalist Violet. Kniazeff Duo.

CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea, cocktails.

CATHAY RESTAURANT.—8th floor.

D. D.'S NIGHT Club.—Russian and foreign style cuisine. Tino's orchestra.

FARREN'S — Farren's music-makers. Sally, Two Jumbo Kids, Doreen and Kaye, Largo Trio.

HUNGARIA.—Night club and restaurant. Mihaly's Gipsy Band. Ballan.

METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

PALACE HOTEL.—Tea dances daily excepting Sundays. Tiffin and dinner concerts. Ullstein's orchestra.

PARK HOTEL.—Dancing nightly. Thursday and Sunday tea dances. Itkis' orchestra, Roby and the 3 Smart Girls —Sandor Stern.

PARAMOUNT.—Cabaret, Lundshem's orchestra.

TOWER.—Night club. Tower orchestra Nightly excepting Sunday. Sitnikova.

Her Road to Success

One hears continually of sensational success stories about young girls who jump into a screen test one morning and are flourishing film stars by the

"Country Store"

Coming soon to the Roxy is Chico with his two Marx Brothers.

evening. Sometimes they are not even delayed by a test. This has not been the easy way of Ruth Hussey, who is not yet a great star but is going steadily on her way.

Miss Hussey came from a comfortable home. In a good school she took part in school theatricals but had no thought of the stage as a career. She had an early spell as journalism and wrote fashion articles for a year. But her school experience and some training in dramatic technique clung to her. As a journalist she visited theatrical agencies.

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Trinity Cathedral.—Dec. 7.—2nd Sunday in Advent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel) 10.15 a.m. Morning Sunday School (Cathedral Girls' School) 10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon—(Bible Sunday and Annual Service of the British Women's Association) Psalm: 11. Lessons: Isaiah 5; John 5, 19-40. Harwood in A flat. Preacher: Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, M.A. 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Psalm: 67. Lessons: Isaiah 10, 33-11, 9; Matthew 24, 29-end. Hymns: 47, 52, 50, 477. Preacher: Rev. E. J. Ottewell, L.Th. 6 p.m. Bubbling Well Chapel: (Illustrated Lentern talk on the History of English Bible) Speaker: The Dean. (Mattins at 10.30 a.m. will be broadcast from Cathedral over stations XMHC., 700 kc., XGDN., 1440 kc., and XMHD. 760 kc., and Daily Noon Day Intercessions at 12.10 p.m. from XMHC.)

St. John's Pro-Cathedral. — Jessfield Evening Prayer in English at six o'cock Preacher: Rt. Rev. W. P. Roberts, D. D.

Union Church—(International and Interdenominational). 107, Soochow Road, (Near the British Consulate.) Officiating Minister: Rev. C. W. Allan. 10.20 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Vestry. 10.45 a.m. Junior Church and Children's Service in Hall. Special Bible Sunday Service conducted by Rev. George Henderson, National Bible Society of Scotland. Communion of the Lord's Supper.

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16.00 Bible Study
16.30 Gospel Service in Russian
19.45 Organ Music
20.00 Songs of the Gospel
20.15 Miracles and Melodies
20.30 Sermon: Dr. Bob Jones
20.45 KGEI Familiar Voices
21.00 B.B.C. News, London
21.15 "The Bible & Bible Societies"—Miss M. A. Frame.
21.45 KGEI "Mailbag"

Weekdays, Dec. 8-13
7.00 Organ Music
7.15 Sacred Music
8.30 Morning Worship
9.00 Morning Meditation for Shut-ins.
9.15 Request Programme.
12.00 Organ Music
12.10 Cathedral Service of Intercession
12.45 N.C.D.N. News
13.00 Sacred Music
13.10 Noonday Devotional Service
15.30 Violin Recital
16.00 Sacred Music
16.30 Classical Music (Special Feature on Friday—Sunday School Lesson by Dr. W. H. Tipton).
18.15 Young Folk's Hour—(Wed. only)
18.00 Sacred Music
18.15 Topical Talks
18.40 Bible Talks
21.00 B.B.C. News, London
21.15 Classical and Popular Music Weekly News Review by Mr Alfred Morley—(9.15 Fri. only)

Church Of Christ The King.—235 Rue Bourgeat. Tel. 72873.—Masses on Sunday at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Benediction at 6.30 p.m. Masses weekdays at 7 and 8 a.m. Catechism classes every Saturday at 9 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church (260 Nanzing Road) Tel. 41428 Sunday: Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7 a.m.

Saint Peter's Church (Avenue Dubail) Tel. 30725 Sunday: Masses at 5.15 6, 7, 8, 9.15 a.m. Benediction at 3.30 and 6.45 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 5.15, 6, 6.45 and 7.30 a.m.

Saint Theresa's Church (370 Tatung Road) Tel. 39359 Sunday. Masses at 6.15, 7, 8 a.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6.15, 7 a.m.

Our Lady's Church (694 Baikal Road) Masses on Sunday at 6.30 and 8.30 Benediction at 3 p.m. Weekdays Mass at 6.45 a.m.

Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (134 Kiaochow Road.) Tel. 32313 Sunday: Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays. Masses at 5.30. 6 and 6.30 a.m.

Saint John Bosco's Church (740 Hang chow Road) Sunday Masses at 7, 8.30 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays Mass at 6.30 a.m.

Saint Joseph's Church (Rue Montauban) Tel. 85253. Sunday. Masses at 5.15, 6, 7, 8.15, 10 Benediction at 4 p.m.

Foreign Y.M.C.A. — Informal Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. in the junior division room. (Mezzanine floor). Speaker. Mr. K. J. Faulkner. All welcome.

Shanghai Free Christian Church.—(Evangelical) 5 Tifeng Road, (Near Jessfield Road) Sunday 11 o'clock, morning Worship: Preacher: Dr. Leo S. Huizenga. The Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the service Afternoon 3 o'clock, Sunday-school and Bible Class. Evening 6 o'clock Gospel Service. Preacher; Rev A. Barrington Light. During the week: Monday 8 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Thursday afternoon 5.40 o'clock. Prayer-meeting.

Society of Friends (Quakers).—A meeting for Worship is held on Sunday, at 6 p.m. in room "D" at the Foreign Y.M.C.A., 150 Bubbling Well Road A mid-week meeting for Worship is held on Thursday at 5.15 p.m. room 507, The Missions Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. All are welcome.

Bethesda Gospel Hall.—(International) 729 Yu Yuen Road, Shanghai Gospel Services are held in: German: Sundays Breaking of Bread Meeting at 3.30-4.30 p.m. Sundays Bible Class at 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays Bible Class for Ladies at 4-5.30 p.m. Chinese: Sundays Breaking of Bread Meeting at 10-11.30 p.m. Sundays Gospel Meeting at 2.30-4 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer Meeting at 7.30-9 p.m. Thursdays Bible Class at 6-7 p.m. English: Fridays Prayer Meeting at 5.30-6.30 p.m.

Endeavourers Church.—Morning service will be held at 9.30 a.m. in the hall of The Shanghai Free Christian Church, 5 Tifeng Road. Following the morning service there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion. The pastor, Rev. H. G. C. Hallock, Ph. D. will preside at both services. Midweek prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in room 305, Missions Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

Community Church.—53 Avenue Petain—Sunday Dr. C. Stanley Smith will conduct the service beginning at 11 a.m. Mr. Thomas Hobbs of the China Bible House will preach on the subject "The Bible Today" Text: John 17-17 Scripture Lesson: Psalm 119 vs 97-112 The Church Choir, accompanied by Mr. Dent, will sing "The Lord is My Light" by Frances Allitsen Junior, primary and youth departments of the Church School will meet at 9.30 a.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Shai. 1647 Avenue Road Sunday Service 11 a.m. Subject: God the only cause and creator Sunday School 9.45 a.m. Testimonial Meeting Wednesday 6 p.m. Reading Room at the Church open Monday, and Friday from 10.30 to 12.30, Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Shanghai Hebrew Mission.—56 Ford Lane Sunday 10 a.m., Rev. Oscar Wells, Wednesday 3.30 p.m., Forbes Tocher, N. Szechuen Road 703, Alliance Hall, Sunday 10 a.m., Mr. McDonald, Wednesday 3.30 p.m., Dr. F. P. Lide. Monthly Prayer Meeting: Sunday 4.15 p.m. home of Mr. Frank E. Parry, 1531 Sinza Road, Leader: Rev. G. A. Jacobson.

Japan Building Five Huge Battleships

London, Dec. 6.

The official commentator of the Broadcasting Corporation declared last night that Japan was building at least five battleships up to 40,000 tons each and said it was likely that two of these are already in service.

The commentator said the ships could be compared to the new United States Navy North Carolina class, carrying a main battery of nine 16-inch guns and boasting a speed of 30 knots.—United Press.

Hori Declines to Predict Fate of Negotiations

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Mr. Tomokazu Hori, Deputy Spokesman of the Cabinet Information Board, yesterday declined to predict when the success or failure of Washington negotiations would be ascertainable.

"I don't think the United States purposely is procrastinating in the talks in order to gain time," he said. "I still believe both sides are sincere in attempting to find some formula to bring forth a peaceful situation in the Pacific.

"If there was no sincerity on either side," Mr. Hori said, "there would be no need of continuing negotiations."

Biggest Stumbling Block

Mr. Hori said that the question of China was providing the biggest stumbling block in the negotiations.

"As you know, as for the China Incident," he said, "our ultimate object was clearly stated by various statements, including the well known Konoye statement. We made clear we have no territorial ambition and disclaimed payment of indemnity.

"That principle will be put into practice by and by as recognition of the Nanking Government continues," he said, "there may be some abnormal conditions in China, however, because of the existence of hostilities. The United States misunderstands our fundamental policy toward China."

Asked concerning Indo-China, Mr. Hori said he was not informed officially regarding De Gaullist movements in Indo China.

Mr. Hori admitted that "there are other misunderstandings by the United States" in addition to the "misunderstanding" over Japan's aims in China.

"As for Indo-China, we sent our troops there according to agreement," he added. "There are many other examples of troops being sent to foreign domain with the consent of those Governments. So I say there is such a misunderstanding by the United States.

"For that very reason we started negotiations and for that very reason we are continuing negotiations," he concluded.—United Press.

France to Remain Neutral If War In Pacific

Vichy, Dec. 6.

An authorized French Government source yesterday declared that "France's position in the Pacific, if a conflict comes, will be one of neutrality" despite the military cooperations between French Indo-China and Japan.

The source estimated Japanese strength in Indo-China to total 50,000 troops.

Indo-China Not Discussed

The source denied that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and Air Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering discussed Indo-China at their meeting last Monday.

The source published an official statement that the French Government had been fully informed of the Japanese movements and the military situation in Indo-China, thereby denying the statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, that the French Government had no knowledge of actual conditions in the colony.—United Press.

Terrorist Attacks Continue in France

Vichy, Dec. 6.

Anti-German terrorists carried out three more attacks in Paris during the 24-hour period up to last night, and one German Army Major was shot in the hip during an attack carried out in the area on the left bank of the Seine.

Shots were fired towards a group of Germans near Issygate, but there were no injuries reported.

A bomb also exploded on Boulevard Blanqui in the 14th Arrondissement.

Simultaneously the Germans announced that the condition of Captain Kircher of the German Medical Corps, who was shot late Tuesday night, was grave but he was expected to live.

Immediately after news of the attacks was received, Admiral Jean Darlan, Vice Premier, and M. Pierre Pucheu, Minister of Interior, conferred separately with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain.—United Press.

Australian Planes Reach Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 6.

The first squadron of Australian-built Beaufort bombers arrived here yesterday.

Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of British Far Eastern forces and Air Vice-Marshal Pulford witnessed the arrivals which, flying low in formation, circled the aerodrome.

Pilots reported the flight from Australia was uneventful They were all enthusiastic over performance of the machines.

Meanwhile, the new Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Suemasa, arrived aboard the Bangkok express. Many remaining Japanese business men had awaited this arrival before making a final decision on closing down their businesses.

About 20 staff members of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Osaka Soshen Kaisha and other Japanese firms were scheduled to leave tomorrow for Bangkok by steamer. — United Press.

Railroad Workers Approve Settlement

Chicago, Dec. 6.

Representatives of operating brotherhoods of railroad employees yesterday ratified the wage agreement proposed by President Roosevelt's special mediation board.

Shortly afterward, a carriers' conference committee (employers) signed the agreement, thus formally ending the threatened nationwide rail strike scheduled to start on December 7.

The board's compromise proposal included a 76 cents daily increase in the basic wage scale as of December 1.—United Press.

Future of Music In England

By Edward Lockspeiser

Special to the "North-China Daily News"

IT was not so very long ago when to proclaim oneself an English composer was to invite ridicule not only from foreign musicians, but from Englishmen as well. When Sterndale Bennett travelled in Germany in the last century, he met Schumann who, regarding him as something of a curiosity, exclaimed: 'English composer? No such thing!' That was just forgivable in those days, but the prejudice persisted for a long time, and Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Bax, Delius, Arthur Bliss, John Ireland—all those pioneer composers of the last generation—had first of all to convince a public nurtured on German symphonic music, on Italian opera and on the displays of the international virtuoso that music was not dead in England; that an English composer was a proud title held by Henry Purcell in the seventeenth century, by the great Elizabethan masters and, further back still, by the English musicians of the early middle ages whose fame had extended to Flanders, to Paris and to Florence.

The truth is, of course, that English musical history is one of the oldest in Europe. There is nothing new in this assertion; it is well enough known to scholars both in England and abroad. But to be aware of this heritage as an historical fact is one thing, and to feel it emotionally as an artistic impulse is quite another. Having passed through two centuries during which English music lay dormant, we may yet take some time to acquire that deeper emotional awareness of our musical heritage which alone can sustain a new and vigorous development. In common parlance, the English composer has until recently suffered from an inferiority complex. At home he had to overcome prejudice, abroad they looked askance at him. In consequence his work was inclined to be timid and lacking in self-assertion. But such timidity may also be a sign of sensitiveness, of a rich inner fantasy, indeed of that very stuff of musical art as it has flourished again and again in this island in bygone centuries.

Our Musical Nature

Before we succeed in acquiring this deeper consciousness of our musical nature—a consciousness which the hardships of the war would seem to intensify—we shall no doubt have adjusted our values of some of the nineteeth century composers. Decidedly we shall have to be surer in our minds than we seem to be at present about the significance of these Romantic composers. For while in literature the stature of Byron, or Shelley, or Wordsworth, or Dickens is established and undisputed, in the musical world the wildest controversies continue to rage on the relative worth of Tchaikovsky, or Brahms, or Berlioz, or Richard Wagner. Possibly we are not yet sufficiently distant from the nineteenth century to see these figures in their proper perspective and it may be that future generations will discard or merely patronize what we revere or idolize. Up till the last war English musical life was dominated by a philo-Teutonic wing, and in those days Wagner was considered the be all and end all of music. Even now the notion is still prevalent among English musicians that the main stream of music during the nineteenth century was predominantly German, though it is true to say that many of us are beginning to prefer the grace, charm, imagination and precision of the French and Russian masters. We are becoming increasingly aware, too, of the artificial rhetoric and bombast of the lesser Germans (among whom I should personally include Wagner), and it may eventually transpire that Teutons were not the Herrnvolk of romantic music, as they were once considered. In point of fact, every nation contributed to the vast romantic movement according to its genius, the English contribution being chiefly literary. The German contribution may have been chiefly musical, but this is not to say that theirs was the only musical contribution, nor even the most important.

The Land Without Music

Will the bitterest punishment that Germany can pay, be to see herself described, as she attempted to describe us after the last war as 'Das Land ohne Musik'? It is not unlikely. The magnificent ideals of Beethoven she has mangled and betrayed, the intimacy of Schumann, the fantasy of Weber, the charm and overpowering sweetness of Schubert—all this is fundamentally foreign to the crude Nazi neurosis. In face of all this, even Germany's staunchest friends can hardly doubt that musically, the future will belong to Western Europe and with it the United States.

New Composers

It is perilous for a critic to predict the course music may take, and it is too early yet to attempt a synthesis of the various tendencies at present discernible in England. There is the piquant and original work of William Walton whose 'Portsmouth Pont' overture and the ballet, 'Facade' have earned him a great reputation in the United States. There is Constant Lambert whose 'Rio Grande' was one of the outstanding successes of prewar years. Then, among the younger people, came Benjamin Britten, a young man from Suffolk, now resident in America, who is an unusually versatile musician with exception melodic and rhythmic gifts. And following him, Walter Leigh who writes in a deliberate, matter-of-fact style, appealing because of its very bluntness; Elizabeth Lutyens, belonging to a group of modern romantic composers and the author of some charming pieces for children; Alan Bush, champion of modern Russian music and a bold personality who is not afraid of intertwining his themes in a mass of contrapuntal complexities; Elizabeth Maconchy, an imaginative composer whose themes are concise and pithy; the symphonic composer, Edmund Rubbra, a sombre figure whose work has been conducted by Toscanini and who lays out his huge compositions on broad, austere lines; and among many others too numerous to mention in this short survey, Alan Rawsthorne, a lyrical composer with a fresh and charming gift for melodic invention who has produced gems of delightful fantasy.

I am reminded here of a remark made a few years ago when Sir Thomas Beecham brought back from Berlin a piano concerto of Hans Pfitzner for performance at one of the London Philharmonic Concerts. 'Pfitzner sets out to be distinctively German in his music, and no doubt he succeeds', wrote the critic, Richard Capell, 'but to be German is not enough', the challenging critic continued, 'talent, too, is desirable.' Nowadays, in England, we are passing out of the phase when composers were pre-occupied with a rather self-conscious anglophilism which took the form of a cult of folk-music. No composer need strive 'to be English'. Native qualities—humour, fantasy, forthrightness, sometimes deliberate bluntness—are evident enough in recent music and are amply illustrated in the British Broadcasting Corporation's 'Music of Britain' series, a feature regularly broadcast to North America which is just reaching its first anniversary. Talent abounds, and the love of music runs deep, surprisingly deep, as one may judge from the extraordinary attendances at concerts in bombed cities. But talent itself—if I may amplify Capell's judgment—is not enough. Faith and idealism are desirable. And since we are all striving in some still mysterious way to acquire a new faith, in life as in music, we may look forward to the time when all this activity will throw up some fire of genius, and when we shall know what great contemporary music should be.

Alexander Warns Japan Aggression Will Not Pay

Bristol, Dec. 6.

Mr. Albert Victor Alexander in a speech here today warned Japan not to move aggressively in the Pacific.

The first Lord of the Admiralty said the Japanese "threat has not abated and aggression may be imminent."

Mr. Alexander warned Japan that "even at this late hour, in the long run aggression will not pay.

"I have hoped that wiser counsels in Japan would prevail over those who appear to be leading her people to a new war of aggression.

"There is no shadow of doubt that any nation which becomes involved with the Axis, whether by voluntary allegiance or by being brutally over-run can expect nothing better than eternal bondage in the economic order under which they would be without rights or freedom of any kind and become mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for Germany."—United Press.

Accident to Giant U.S. Flyingboat

New York, Dec. 6.

The Navy's giant 72-ton flyingboat Mars caught fire and went aground during water tests at Baltimore yesterday.

Flames burst suddenly from one of the engines, whose propeller flew off. The fire seared another of the machine's four engines before it could be extinguished.—Reuter.

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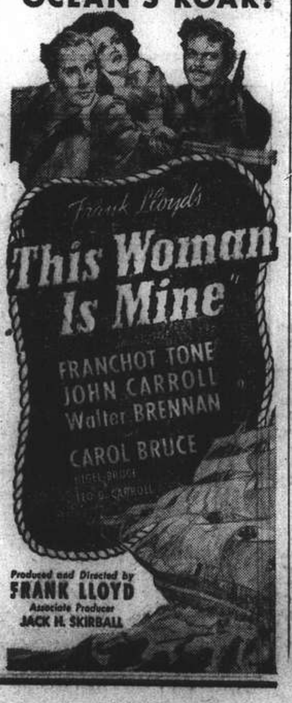

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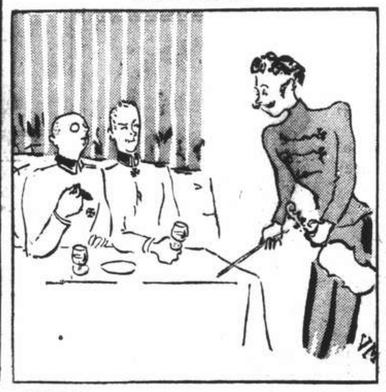

"France" London
Scene in a boulevard café in German-occupied Paris: "Would you like to hear some Russian music?"

India's Road to Home Rule

RECENTLY I have talked to many sober and intelligent Americans. They have been openly enthusiastic in their feeling for the British cause and British ideals; yet, curiously enough, when their conversation turned on India, more than one has shown not only suspicion of British designs, but even resentment at the character of British rule in India, writes Gerald S. Graham, assistant professor of history, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, in the "Christian Science Monitor."

This attitude is probably typical of a very large body of American opinion; for the average American seems to take a deeper interest in Indian affairs than does the average Briton, and he is not infrequently convinced that his sympathies are being extended to a prostrate people deprived of any share in their own government. Since September, 1939, enemy propagandists have done their best to harden this attitude at the expense of American sympathy for Britain.

Some time—and, it is to be hoped, soon—the true story of British rule in India during the last twenty-five years will be publicized from the platform and in the press. It will take a long time to eradicate the errors which have crept into much of American thinking. Meanwhile, however, it is important to draw attention to one salient fact: Great Britain is anxious for, and has planned Home Rule for India.

Indians Themselves to Blame

But the present government of India, says one of my friends, is not elected by Indians. You promised Dominion status after the last great war, and there is still no sign of it. The answer is a simple one. India today would have well-nigh 100 per cent control of her own affairs had the Congress Party, the majority party of Hindus, not refused to accept the British offer. From the days of the Montagu-Chelmsford liberal reforms after the last great war down to the time of the Simon Commission and the Act of 1935 (which provided for ultimate Dominion status), the main obstruction to evolutionary reform in India has come not from English politicians, but from Indians themselves, who, while affirming their eagerness for home rule, have deliberately refused to accept it in progressive stages.

Provincial Administration

As it is, the whole of the Provincial administration has been handed over to Indians, the Indian Congress Party has control, in eight Provinces, and the special powers of the Governors, even Indians will admit, have rarely been used. In July of this year, the structure of the central government was revolutionized, when for the first time, the Executive Council of the Viceroy was enlarged to permit a majority of Indian representatives. Yet such tremendous concessions do not touch the real core of the problem. The Congress Party represents the majority of India, and on that basis refuses to participate in government and promises to obstruct administration in every possible way until it is allowed compleete control.

Why, then, asked my American friend, do the British not surrender to Congress and give the majority party the opportunity they claim to merit? The answer is simply that a Hindu Congress government would be resisted by large sections of the Indian people.

Native States Opposed

Apart from the Native States, which are opposed to surrendering their present independent status under the Crown, there are 85,000,000 Moslems who are by no means united in favour of rule by a Hindu majority. Without fullest co-operation, government would be paralyzed; and it would be a strange anomaly to have to impose self-government by coercive means.

India is a huge sub-continent, a congeries of various creeds and races, and Congress has so far refused to face the complexities of internal administration which hold the key to orderly government. Had the Congress taken office some six years ago, they would have learned the difficulties in the hard school of practical experience, as did their compatriots who are not members of the party, and their country would, in all probability, have been today in a position to accept Dominion status.

Depends on British Victory

The Indian question must be settled; yet it cannot be settled now by changes which through provoking internecine strife and thereby stultifying government would imperil the security not only of India but of the whole British Commonwealth. The path toward self-government is clear and its attainment inevitable, provided Germany is defeated. Even the Indian Nationalist realizes that the achievement of his political aspirations depends on a British victory. Meanwhile, in the words of an eminent student of Indian affairs, Sir Alfred Watson, Britain "has been trying to deal with India as America has dealt with the Philippines," but the difficulties are immensely greater.

U.S. to Send Army To Britain: Wheeler

New York, Dec. 6.

The United States will send a token army to Britain and Northern Ireland next spring and, if the war lasts, a complete expeditionary force to Africa and possibly Europe by July, 1943, Senator Burton Wheeler (Montana) told newsmen yesterday.

He said he would introduce a resolution into the Senate for an enquiry into reported plans for an American expeditionary force.—Reuter.

Japanese Papers Urge Stiffer Action

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

All metropolitan papers this morning still urged a stiffer Japanese stand in the Washington talks, but the edge of their attacks on the United States, which were given impetus by the Hull statement, was not as sharp as before, while the general attitude seemed one of watchful waiting for the next development.

The nationalistic "Hochi Shimbun," still commenting on Mr. Hull's "untimely" revelation, charged Mr. Hull with "breaking diplomatic morality" by taking such a reaction without waiting for Japan's reply to President Roosevelt's "certain inquiry."

The "Japan Times and Advertiser" charged that the Washington parley was imperilled because "Washington will negotiate only on its own terms."

Direct Charge Against U.S.

The paper stressed that the fracture of Japan's non-intervention principle in Far Eastern affairs by the Anglo-American military encirclement "is a direct charge against America."

"The eastern states are free to determine their own destiny, their forms of government, and their allegiances without interposition by the United States," the "Times" declared. "Their policies and economic arrangements along the lines of Japan's co-prosperity sphere partnership may not be approved by the United States but they are the sole business of the region itself on the principles of the Monroe Doctrine."—Domei.

Costa Rica Rocked by Earthquake

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 6.

The severest earthquake felt here in many years panicked inhabitants and rocked buildings in the capital at 2.50 p.m. yesterday. House ornaments and stocks of bottle goods were smashed on the floors of houses and business houses.—United Press.

Sir Henry Strakosch, who has married at the age of 70, is one of the world's leading authorities on currency questions. He was much in evidence after the last war, when the finances of many European countries needed straightening out. He is of Bohemian origin, and made a large fortune from South African mines. For some years he advised the Indian Government on financial problems. He is a tee-totaller and non-smoker, and still regularly enjoys a week-end game of golf.

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House Passes $8,423,000,000 Appropriations Bill

Washington, Dec. 6.

THE House of Representatives yesterday approved the huge new supplemental defence appropriations bill totalling US$8,243,000,000 including funds to expand immediately the United States Army to 2,000,000 men and an appropriation of US$1,556,000,000 for new Lend-and-Lease operations.

The vote approving the bill, 309 to 5, came immediately after the House defeated efforts by Representative William P. Lambertson, Republican of Kansas, to kill the measure by sending it back to Committee.

Earlier the House had rejected two anti-interventionist efforts to delete the Lend-and-Lease aid provision covering tanks and heavy ordinance equipment.

The House passed the item to maintain the recently mobilized Philippine Army of 160,000 men without amendment.

Representative Fred L. Crawford, Republican of Michigan, supported the Philippine appropriation, declaring that the Commonwealth's economy "has been badly interfered with if not wrecked by military activity" due to the shortage of shipping and disruption of Philippine trade.

"I see no way the Philippines can go ahead without assistance from the United States," he declared.

Representative Crawford said approval of this bill would make unnecessary passage of the previous bill providing for US$54,000,000 for defence purposes of the P.I. Representative Clifton A. Woodrom, Democrat of Virginia and a member of the House Appropriations Committee, confirmed the latter bill would be dropped.

More Than Twice World War I

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, brings United States current defence expenditures to the grand total of US$67,990,000,000 or more than twice the amount spent in the World War.

The general classification of expenditures is as follows:

Army—US$5,127,000,000.
Navy—US$1,129,000,000.
Defence housing—US$10,000,000.
Defence highways and flight strips for emergency aeroplane use—US$129,000,000.
Highway construction to Alaska—US$500,000.
Third lock for the Panama Canal—US$104,000,000.
War relief for distribution by the Red Cross—US$35,000,000.

Purposes of Appropriation

The appropriation was urgently needed for the following purposes:

1. To expand the Army by 306,800 officers and men to a new peace-time record of 2,000,000 men thereby permitting formation of two new armoured divisions, making a total of eight.
2. To maintain the recently mobilized Philippine Army of 160,000 men.
3. To procure large quantities of special weapons and equipment.
4. To increase the Army Air Force from 54 to 84 groups—the measure contains funds for 16,000 aeroplanes.
5. To acquire or construct 400 mine-layers and patrol craft.
6. To improve armaments of warships and merchantmen.
7. To expand manufacturing facilities for critical weapons for the purpose of doubling the previous schedule of production, for which purpose an appropriation of US$888,000,000 was recommended.
8. To convert large merchantmen into aircraft carriers and also to arm 1,000 merchantmen by June 30, 1943.—United Press.

Vichy Denies African Bases Report

Vichy, Dec. 6.

An authorized source today said that reports France had agreed to hand over all African bases to Germany was "fantastic and without the slightest foundation."—United Press.

Darlan Returns to Vichy From Paris

Vichy, Dec. 5.

Admiral Francois Darlan, the Vice Premier, returned here from Paris at 3 p.m. today. During his visit there, he contacted French and German personalities whom he usually sees in the course of his tours to the occupied zone.

There was neither any official nor semi-official indication as to the object of the Admiral's short visit and while authorised quarters refused to attribute to this visit more importance than to his last trip to the occupied zone, it was duly noted in Vichy that international observers drew a parallel between the Vice-Premier's trip and the Saint-Florentin meeting between Marshal Petain and Marshal Goering which took place one day before the Admiral left for Paris.

Logical Surmise

While it seems logical that the Admiral may have tackled part of the problems which were discussed at Saint-Florentin, the only indication on the turn which Franco-German relations are likely to assume was provided by M. Jacques Benoist Mechin, Under Secretary of State, and Count Francois de Brinon, the Government's Delegate to the occupied zone.

Information from foreign sources has alleged that the French Government was contemplating asking for foreign assistance to defend Dakar and the Senegal and many comments were voiced abroad as to either the European policy of France or the defence of her Empire.

It is being stressed here that no information whatever of this kind may be found in French official or officially inspired circles. On the contrary, it is emphasized, the latter have reaffirmed France's determination to defend her Empire by her own means.

French Policy Reaffirmed

As to the French European policy, it may safely be assumed that its main lines as outlined at Montoire in October 1940, were not modified but merely reaffirmed at Saint-Florentin, and that on the whole, Franco-German relations are developing in the spirit of the only meeting Marshal Petain had with Chancellor Hitler more than one year ago at Montoire.

For the past year, the Chief of the French State has explained its main lines to the French public opinion. These lines are based upon the Armistice agreement and they are in conformity with the French Government's determination to safeguard the unity of France and its colonial possessions.—Havas Telemondial.

Laying Down the Law

By J. NORMAN LYND

A CENTURY OF SERVICE 1832 — 1941 TRAVEL "JARDINES"

The R.A.F. Seeks To Disorganize Vital Nazi War Industries

LONDON—Stepped up R.A.F. attacks on Germany and German-occupied territories have the two-fold purpose of destroying the industrial basis of the Nazi war effort and of producing a situation in which shortages of essential supplies will cripple Germany's armies, according to official British sources here, states the "Christian Science Monitor." The offensive has taken the direct form of attacks on key points and the indirect form of assaults on other targets which have resulted in a slowing-up of German war production and dislocation of a wide range of German industry.

Munitions and aircraft works have been heavily bombed as a part of the direct attacks—some 330 raids occurred over these factories alone up to February, 1941. Krupp's gigantic armament works at Essen has been systematically pounded; it was set ablaze, for example, on the night of July 3-4, despite fierce fighter and anti-aircraft defences. At one time during this raid, more than six large fires were burning, and one squadron of British bombers remained over their target for more than 30 minutes.

The German aircraft industry is a tree with many roots. Light alloys are the materials of which the greater part of modern planes is made; the other principal branches of the industry are works manufacturing aero-engines, fuselages and special components, such as propellers, electrical equipment and instruments. In addition, there are assembly plants, storage depots, repair establishments and airfield hangars.

Many Factories Involved

The number of factories involved is, therefore, enormous. Many of them—for example, the B. M. W. engine works at Munich and Berlin, the Focke-Wulf factory at Bremen, the Messerchmitt and Junkers works at Augsburg and Dessau—have been repeatedly attacked by R.A.F. bombers, the British say. One at least of the aircraft plants—the Dornier works at Wismar on the Baltic coast—is believed to have been so seriously damaged that it is doubtful whether it has been able to contribute more than a fraction of its normal quota of planes.

Moreover, it is stated, some of the factories making needed equipment—such as the Siemens electrical works in Berlin, the Bosch magneto and spark-plug factories at Stuttgart and the famous Zeiss instrument works at Jena—are among those which have suffered heavy damage.

Raids on Oil Refineries

This direct offensive has also included raids on Germany's vital oil refineries, storage tanks and synthetic-oil production plants. These last are particularly important, not only because Germany cannot now obtain from other countries nor produce herself enough fuel, but because these plants supply the bulk of high-test gasoline for the Luftwaffe and high-grade Diesel oil for the submarine fleet. So air attacks have been directed against factories representing 90 per cent. of Germany's synthetic-oil capacity.

During the summer, despite the short nights, British bombers have penetrated as far as Leuna, 550 miles from London, to deliver their bomb cargoes on the famous hydrogenation plant there which, until recently, produced half-a-million tons of synthetic oil per year. Other raiders have visited similar plants at Politz near Stettin, at Gelsenkirchen and at the new Wesseling factory on the Rhine. Although damage has been severe, it must not be assumed that these plants have been completely destroyed or put out of production for a long period.

Power Stations Hit

Power stations have also been high on the list of objectives in this offensive against key points. Interruption of these services will be the more drastically felt because Germany has long suffered from a shortage of electricity—struggling always to expand generating capacity in pace with the pressing demands of the "Ersatz" industries.

Most of Germany's power stations are located in the Ruhr district, feeding electricity to widespread areas around them and, incidentally, providing easy targets for R.A.F. bombers. Chief among these giant stations are Knapsack—the object of a recent heavy attack—Quadrath and Cologne.

The Knapsack plant is probably the most important power-generating plant in Europe. Rising like a cathedral from the centre of a vast, barren plain along the Rhine, its feeder lines stretch out 50 miles in all directions to supply such industrial centres as Dortmund and Coblenz and the steel plants scattered between them.

Large forces of British bombers, sometimes as many as 200, have swept over these areas with special emphasis on the Knapsack station. Quadrath has been frequently visited, and Cologne has been subjected to heavy raids—one on the night of July 20-21 spread fires among its factories until flames leaped into the sky from a milelong strip.

Cork Forests Fired

Other targets attacked in the indirect war to cripple German industry include the cork forests of the Italian island of Sardinia, which have been fired by incendiary missiles on several occasions, since cork is widely used as an insulating material in the manufacture of refrigerating equipment.

It is known that Germany has been pushing refrigerator manufacturers to the limit in order to extend its cold-storage plants, since the existing storage capacity, owing to the blockade, is insufficient for present German needs. Germany also prizes these forests because cork is widely used in the aircraft industry. Unlike Britain and the United States, Germany does not have access to such a substitute as balsa wood from South America.

Train Centres Targets

The R.A.F. also has pressed its indirect campaign against German industry by almost nightly visits to the principal train centres, such as Hamm, Soest, Schwerte, Osnabruck, Krefeld, in the Ruhr and other factory arenas. These raids have not only done physical damage to the yards themselves and to the freight trains standing there, but also have interrupted activities during the hours of the night when the chief work is carried out.

For internal transport, Germany has always place much reliance on the canal system, especially for the distribution of heavy commodities. The celebrated Dortmund-Ems aqueduct is one of the most important points in this canal system, since the Dortmund-Ems canal is the only water link of the Ruhr area with north, west and central Germany. R.A.F. attacks on this vulnerable section have succeeded in interrupting traffic for long periods, thus throwing back the load upon inadequate railways.

Coal Mines Attacked

The coal mines have also been targets for British bombers—both in Germany and in occupied France. After raids last month, only half of the pitheads of the mines at Lens, in Moules, also in France, stopped work for twelve days.

Much of the R.A.F. work has been against supply bases engaged in providing machine power and raw materials. Since factories usually possess a reservoir of both power and materials, the effect of these relentless raids may not be fully detected for weeks or even months.

But, as the grip on the nerve centres of resistance steadily tightens, German defences against bombers will weaken—and, as their defences weaken, those bombers will be able to accomplish greater destruction until the roar of European factories fades to a hum and then into silence.

As far as the precision of British pilots can insure it, each bomb has been delivered to a vital address. Not a bomb has been wasted in wild, indiscriminate attacks.

Catapult Planes Score on Ships Dangers Great

LONDON—For some months now British merchantmen travelling alone or in convoys have been carrying on foredeck catapults, Hurricane fighters prepared to take off against raiding Focke-Wulfs. Often for plane and pilot it is a suicide mission, says Mr. Craig Thompson in the "New York Times.

When German raiders, which make long sweeping loops from Brest over the southern tip of Ireland far out to sea, are sighted, the little Hurricanes are thrown into air for battle. Speedy and with effective firepower, the fighter planes are more than a match for the four-engined raiders, which, however, are faster than any coastal patrol planes doing ocean service.

Effective Against Raids

This method has proved the most effective devised to date against the raids on British shipping, and during the recent renewal of the heaviest German shipping attacks since last Spring, the Hurricanes have shot down an unannounced number of Condors and Kuriers. The area of these German losses range from the neighbourhood of Gibraltar to the North Atlantic.

Hazards Prove Great

Though they may be victorious, many of these fighter pilots never live to make their reports. Once they are off the ship and have finished fighting, they have three courses. If near enough to home, they may land safely and so live to fight again. If too far away, they may try to make crash sea landings and await rescue. Such a landing in the little fighter is very dangerous and more often than not unsuccessful. Planes always are lost in sea landings.

The third method of potential rescue is for the pilot to bail out as close as possible to safe land and use the standard rubber raft such as is carried by cross-Channel fighters. In the open ocean, however, this is far more dangerous and less successful than in the Channel.

Will Be Expanded

In spite of its inherent dangers, the catapult plane method of meeting air attacks at sea will be further expanded as fast as pilots can be specially trained and ships equipped. It has been until now held in strictest sort of secret, although ships carrying catapults have been in many world ports and actual demonstrations of the method have been photographed by the Germans.

A story of it appeared in a London paper recently, however, quoting a New York newspaper as the source, and so this correspondent was finally allowed to give a full account.

Stimson Charges "Chicago Tribune" Lacking Loyalty

Washington, Dec. 6.

Without challenging the authenticity of documents published by the "Chicago Tribune" claiming that the United States was planning to build an expeditionary force of 5,000,000 men with which to defeat the Axis, Col. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, yesterday criticized the publication of the Government's secret war studies.

He asserted such publication showed a lack of "loyalty and patriotism."

The Secretary of War said the documents represented the Army General Staff's unfinished studies of national defence production requirements on which the "victory programme" to cost US$150,000,000,000 for arms production was based.

War Department Plans

Meanwhile, the War Department announced that it plans to train 10,000 or more high school graduates during 1942 to become non-flying Air Corps officers for the purpose of operating the Army's secret bomb-sight and of navigating long-range bombers.

The War Department authorities estimated that approximately 500,000 additional men will be called up under the Selective Service Act between January 1 and April 1 for the purpose of filling vacancies and adding 277,000 men to the current Army strength.—United Press.

Australian War Cabinet Meets

Melbourne, Dec. 6.

After the Australian War Cabinet meeting had adjourned at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin, and the other Ministers were preparing to leave by train for their home states when messages indicating a further drift in the Far Eastern situation caused cancellation of their departure. Mr. Curtin urgently recalled the Cabinet Ministers to a meeting, to which Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Stuart Burnett, Chief of the Australian Air Staff, was summoned. The meeting lasted 20 minutes.

Subsequently, the Air Minister, Mr. Drakeford, announced that all leave for Australian Air Force personnel at Port Darwin had been cancelled. Deterioration of the situation in the Far East was given as the reason.

Messages received here established beyond doubt that Japanese troop movements southward were on a large scale.

Troops Leave Cancelled

At the same time, the Army Minister, Mr. Francis Michael Forde, announced that leave of troops at Port Darwin had also been cancelled indefinitely. Men already in the southern states are returning to their units. Mr. Forde said the Government felt that the action was unavoidable in view of the present stage in Pacific affairs, but hoped that the change would prove to be only temporary. Confirmation of Christmas leave for the other troops must wait until the international situation is clarified.

The War Cabinet meets again today at Melbourne, and the War Council has been summoned.

Other decisions taken by the Cabinet were to issue important orders to the Australian Navy and Air Force; to construct all-weather strategic roads; to order 1,000,000 gas respirators for the population in the event of gas attacks; to employ more women doctors in the Australian Air Force, and to provide full personnel of officers for the Volunteer Defence Corps which is composed of men aged 16 to 60.—Reuter.

People of N.E.I. Wish To Avoid War

Batavia, Dec. 6.

While the Netherlands East Indies press continued to stress the need for military preparedness and the readiness to meet any eventuality, the people as a whole appeared sincerely desirous of avoiding war, as well as any action which may invite a catastrophe in the Pacific.

Semi-official sources here said that the government would do its best to keep aloof from the war. They were of the opinion, however, that it is "beyond the reach of Netherlands East Indies power to check the high tide of tension in the Pacific because after all fate rests in the hands of two bigger bosses in the Pacific—Japan and the United States."—Domei.

Emergency Measures to Place Thailand on Total War Footing

Bangkok, Dec. 5.

Numerous emergency measures designed to place Thailand on a complete warfooting to cope with the increasingly delicate situation surrounding Thailand were approved by the Assembly of the People's Representatives.

It was understood that the measure approved include anti-espionage bills, the stocking up of foodstuffs, the mobilization of labourers, and others.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman explained over the radio last night that the measures will be taken by every Thailander in case the country is involved in war.—Domei.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. W. T. Fulstow and Miss Kitty Sharpe are giving a programme of Irish songs over station XGDN, tomorrow from 9.30 to 10 p.m.

AT the library tiffin at the American Women's Club on Tuesday at 12.30 p.m., Mrs. Dunlap will give a talk on Rabindranath Tagore.

MISS Margaret Frame will speak over Station XMHD, on the subject "The Bible and the Bible Societies," from 9.15 to 9.45 tonight.

A BIBLE exhibition is being held in the foyer of the Moore Memorial Church, where copies of the Bible in many languages are on view.

OWING to the engagement for private functions, the Hungaria Ballroom and Restaurant will be closed to the general public tomorrow and Tuesday nights.

IN the series "Christian issues in wartime" over station XGDN today, the speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Forbes Tocher, his subject will be "Accidie, a deadly sin.

TODAY at 7.30 p.m., over station XMHA the Catholic Hour programme will feature a talk by the Rev. Frederick Wilcock, S.J., who will speak on the subject, "The Sabbath is made for man."

THE result of the raffle drawn on Thursday by the Scandinavian Women's Association, was as follows:—Tray 121; table runner 430; cushion 488; porcelain dog 890; doll's cradle 114.

"THAT women's proper place is in the home," will be proposed on the Foregin "Y" debating programme on Thursday at 9 p.m. Mr. A. L. McCorkindale is proposing, and Miss K. de Sheimo is opposing.

ASSOCIATE members of the Society of the Helpers of the Holy Souls and their frjends are reminded that a Mass will be said on Monday, in the Covent Chapel, 37 Rue Montauban to which they are cordially invited.

MR. Shozo Murata, former Minister of Railways of the Japanese Government, who has been on an inspection tour of Central China, was expected to arrive in Shanghai yesterday from Nanking by train, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported.

DONATIONS of cakes for the B.W.A. Xmas Bazaar in aid of War Work Funds should be delivered on the morning of December 10 to the ladies in charge of the B.W.A. tearoom at the Shanghai Race Club, Mohawk Road entrance.

MR. Wang Ching-wei, president of the Nanking Government, returned to Nanking from Soochow by plane on Friday afternoon following completion of his three-day inspection tour of conditions in the peace area along the lower reaches of the Yangtze, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported.

A TOTAL of 460 crime cases were reported to the Municipal Police during the week-end being an increase of 86 over the previous week. Of the total 257 were larceny cases, 39 snatching cases, 27 burglaries and fifteen cases of pocketpicking. Altogether 619 arrests were made during the same period, an increase of 182 from the past week.

THE third national conference on domestic affairs was opened in Chungking on Friday, and will continue for seven days studying various proposals relating to civil, police and land administrations, it is learned from the "Cheng Yien Pao." A total of 168 representatives of the Ministry of Interior, and of departments of civil affairs, municipalities and land bureaux of various provincial governments were present at the conference.

MR. Victor Keen of the "N.Y. Herald-Tribune has been transferred to Hongkong and will leave here for Manila on the M.M. liner d'Artagnan on December 12. He would probably make the trip from the Philippines to Hongkong by plane, it was learned. He has been stationed here for the past twelve years. The Shanghai office of the paper would be closed during his absence and its headquarters would be transferred to Hongkong.

MUSICAL programmes over station XGDN today include a symphony at 2 p.m., the Elias lecture on Music-Appreciation at 3 and the Concert Hall at 10 p.m. These varying programmes include compositions by Haydn, Mendelssohn, Scarlatti, and Dvorak while the lecture at 3 p.m., is on Mozart the man and his works with illustrations by the well-known musicians, Irene and Maestro Margolinski. Full details of the above programmes are in issue ten of "Radio Flash."

FIVE Tibetans, including Mr. Lun Chu, Tibetan resident representative in Chungking, and the Tibetan secretary, Mr. Teng Chun-shiu, are due to leave Chengtu for Chungking by air on Saturday, to represent the Tibetan Government and people, in making a round of calls on high Chinese Government officials, according to the "Sin Wan Pae."

THE annual soiree of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society will take place in the Society's Auditorium at 20 Museum Road on Thursday. Tea will be served between 5 and 6.30 p.m., when entertainment in the form of coloured motion pictures accompanied with appropriate music will be provided. After the president, Mr. A. H. George, gives his welcoming speech, Mr. A. de C. Sowerby will give a brief talk on the subject "The Role of Science in the World Today." Members are earnestly invited to attend this important function.

THE ambulance corps consisting of 40 persons and organized by a British Masonic Lodge, has now arrived at Kweiyang to carry out relief work among the Chinese wounded, says the "Chinese American Daily News." The party set out from London for China last summer. It originally called for 160 persons, but subsequently had to limit the number to 40. Twelve members of the Lodge are due to leave England shortly for China, while 28 others are still undergoing a course of training, adds the report. The members of the ambulance corps are well qualified doctors, who have served with various British hospitals in England. Since its arrival in China, this corps has been considerably expanded by admitting a number of Chinese and American medical doctors into its organization.

A FEELING of confidence and calm prevails among the Chinese population of Hongkong, in spite of the Far Eastern tension, the "Shun Pao" reports. An evacuation ship which was due to leave Hongkong on December 1, with Chinese passengers for evacuation, cancelled the trip when it was found that only a small number of passengers was willing to leave. Many small patrol units are maintaining on the *qui vive* in various parts of Hongkong, Kowloon, and the Leased Territory boundaries, the report adds. Pro-Chungking Chinese newspapers, such as the "Ta Kung Pao", "the Kuo Min Jih Pao", the "Sin Tao Daily News", and others, have jointly notified the Hongkong Government that in the event of war, they will continue with their publications, concludes the message.

British China Squadron Distinguishes Itself

On page 1 the first story to reach Shanghai of the exploits of the Brittish China Squadron is reprinted. These pictures show (top) a British Hurricane fighter, a machine with which the China Squadron is equipped, in the air. The lower picture shows a Hurricane before the take-off.

S.M.C. and F.M.C. Act to Solve Coal Problem Here

Initial steps were taken by the authorities of the Settlement and French Concession yesterday to curb profiteering in coal and prevent hoarding in the two areas. The S.M.C. and F.M.C. issued identical notices that a declaration would be required from coal dealers and retailers of coal regarding coal purchased and sold by them, the time limit given for the receipt of the declaration being set at December 15.

In the case of the S.M.C. it was notified that a declaration form could be obtained from the secretary, coal control committee, room 330, Administration Building, while in the case of persons residing in the French Concession, the form could be obtained from the police station of the district concerned from December 10.

The S.M.C. also notified that until further notice no retailer could make a sale of coal briquettes to any person exceeding half a tan (25 kgs.). A similar notification was issued by the French Consul-General effective from tomorrow prohibiting the sale by retailers to any person of a quantity of coal briquette exceeding 25 kilos.

Identical notices were also issued by the authorities of the two areas concerned fixing the price of coal briquettes as $20 a tan (50 kgs.). An official communique of the S.M.C. stated that it was hoped that by the use of exchange allotted by the Stabilization Board the price of coal briquettes which was fixed yesterday might be reduced in future. The S.M.C. also issued the following communique on the requirements of industrial coal:

Coal for Industries

"The Shanghai Municipal Council has given notice that it invites all users of coal for industrial purposes, who have not already done so, to furnish a declaration to the Council of their minimum monthly requirements and of their existing stocks. The Council requests that replies should be sent not later than Monday, December 15, 1941, to the Secretary, Coal Committee, room 330, Administration Building, 193 Hankow Road.

"Statements of requirements will be investigated subsequently, and those who are found to have forwarded exaggerated estimates will be penalized in regard to any allotments which the Council may be able to make.

"Declaration forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Coal Committee, Room 330, Administration Building, 193 Hankow Road, to whom the completed forms should be returned on or before Monday, December 15, 1941.

"It will be assumed that those failing to submit this declaration as called for by Notification 5634 will not need the assistance of the Council in regard to future supplies of coal."

Preservation Corps of Shanghai Municipality

For the purpose of forming a strong peace preservation corps in Chinese areas in Shanghai, training of officers and men has actually been started under the personal supervision of Mayor Chen Kung-po, of the Greater Shanghai Special Municipal Government, who serves concurrently as commander of the corps.

A school for this purpose was formally opened last Friday on the original premises of the Tseng Shi Middle School in Fahhwacheng near Siccawei. Mayor Chen presided over the inaugural ceremony which was attended by many Chinese and Japanese officials.

Mayor Chen revealed in his speech that during the first part of this year he devoted his attention to settling the food problem of the city and that his attention in the latter part of the year was focussed on the maintenance of peace and order.

He said that he had concentrated armed forces in Chinese areas here and the second step he would take was to train them so that they could carry out their duties efficiently. He said that 196 officers and men would receive special training for a period of three months during the first period.

New York Delegates to Help Local Jeury

At a meeting of the Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai held on December 3, Mr. Manuel Siegel, recently arrived representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, New York, was welcomed by Mr. Speelman, Chairman.

The members of the committee told Mr. Siegel that they were very happy to have him here to help Miss Margolis and themselves with the very complex problem which has for so long confronted the local organization.

They expressed the wish that both Miss Margolis and Mr. Siegel count on their full co-operation; and that they were pleased to have representatives of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to help.

Miss Margolis and Mr. Siegel will begin their work at the Disbursement and Housing Department, 86 Alcock Road.

British Ambassador Leaves for Chengtu

Chungking, Dec. 6.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, accompanied by Sir Otto Niemeyer, head of the British economic and financial mission to China, left today by air for Chengtu for a short trip.

They are expected to return to Chungking next Thursday. —Reuter.

"Auntie Card" to Be At B.W.A. Bazaar

Hundreds of Shanghai children who listen-in every day to "Auntie Carol" on the Children's House over XMHA are looking forward to seeing her in person at the B.W.A. War Work Fund Bazaar at the Race Club on Wednesday, "Auntie Carol" will be in charge of the Cadaco at the Toy Stall, and is the originator of this fascinating game for children, which will offer 500 beautiful prizes to the lucky winners. Each chance at the Cadaco is $1 and this promises to be one of the outstanding attractions for children during the afternoon. Among the prizes are a lovely dressed French doll, large stuffed animals and other articles.

News about the Bazaar is broadcast daily to the children by "Auntie Carol" and hundreds of letters have been received by her from young radio fans who have stated that they were going to be at the bazaar.

The bazaar will be opened at 2 p.m. by Lady Mossop and will continue until 8 p.m. Towards the end of the evening, a Shanghai Auction will be conducted by Mr. G. E. Marden, when three lovely prizes will be up in three separate bids.

Alleged Cotton Piece Goods Fraud

Nine truck drivers and customs brokers faced the First Special District Court yesterday on a charge of intimidation. They were remanded in custody after a short hearing. Accused were alleged to have intimidated Yang Mei-ting, owner of a transportation firm in an attempt to extort $12,000 from him.

The complainant, some time ago, was asked by a third party to transport about $85,000 worth of cotton piece goods and cotton yarn to Ningpo. The goods were confiscated by the local Customs since their exportation was illegal according to a recent Customs notice.

On Friday, the gang registered at a hotel in Yu Ya Ching Road and there they met the complainant, to whom the accused were alleged to have made a proposal. They asked the complainant to pay $12,000 and promised to arrange to export the confiscated goods to Ningpo at that price. The complainant raised an alarm fearing that he might not be allowed to leave the hotel by the gang.

Aggravation of Local Labour Situation

Mediation by the Industrial and Social Division of the S.M.C. was expected yesterday to bring to an end the threatened strike of chauffeurs of hire cars in the Settlement who have demanded from their employers an increase in wages proportionate to the companies' recent increases to the public in taxi service. A meeting between representatives of the chauffeurs and the managements of the companies was reported to have been set down for tomorrow.

The chauffeurs were granted an increase only recently it was learned while the taxi companies stated that they were compelled to raise the prices of taxi hire having to cut down the number of cars in operation due to the cut in gasoline allotment.

Employees of fruit shops here walked-out yesterday after their demands for higher wages were not met. As a result many fruit shops had their doors half closed with the owners and apprentices themselves attending to customers. Individual fruit hawkers in the streets of the city did a thriving business as a result.

Two Foreigners Caught In $15,000 Robbery

A Russian named Petrovich Brousnetzoff of 775 Avenue Joffre and a foreigner named Victor Kikas, 26 Route Doumer, were arrested by detectives of the French police yesterday in connection with a burglary at the apartment of a Russian residing at 32 Route de Boissezon. Articles of clothing and silverware valued altogether at $15,000 belonging to the victim were unearthed by the police in a corner of the garden of the house where Kikas was living.

The complainant returned home on Friday evening, ascertained that the door of his apartment had been forced open. He discovered that clothes, shoes and silverware had been stolen from the apartment and immediately informed the police.

Investigations led to the arrest of the two foreigners, who were alleged by the police to be old offenders. They were arrested in their respective homes and taken to the station where they were detained.

Hope Still Remains For Peace in Pacific

London, Dec. 6.

Although the situation in the Pacific is admittedly serious and events are moving so fast that it is felt that the curtain may rise on a tragic drama at any moment, a lingering ray of hope still remains for maintenance of peace.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Albert Victor Alexander, opening the Bristol Warship Week, said he had hoped that during the past two or three weeks wiser counsels would prevail in Japan over those who appeared to be leading her people into a new war of aggression. He added that the clear agreement in principle of the British and American Governments ought to warn Japan, even at this late hour, that in the long run aggression would not pay.

Reports Contradicted

Washington reports quoting the Japanese news agency as indicating that the Japanese Government was rejecting completely Mr. Cordell Hull's memorandum were prominently printed in yesterday's morning papers, but were later contradicted by the statement of the Japanese Government spokesman that instructions on the subject had not yet been sent to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, Admiral Nomura.

It remains to be seen whether the Japanese Government's reply to President Roosevelt's inquiry is sufficiently satisfactory to permit the talks to continue.

In contrast with the statement by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, that he was hourly expecting most serious developments in the Pacific, the weekly "Economist," quoting General Hideki Tojo's set phrase that Japan is at the cross-roads, says Japan's leaders halt under the sign-post and take counsel. "They reiterate that Japan stands indeed at the cross-roads, but they show obvious hesitation in advancing down any of the diverging roads."—Reuter.

Kidnappers' Victim Rescued by F.M.P.

Upon receiving a mysterious telephone call, the French police on Friday recovered a 13-months-old boy in the Lung Kung Hotel near Rue Kraetzer after he had been in the hands of kidnappers for several months. The police are looking for kidnappers, none of whom was arrested as, when the police arrived at the hotel they only found the victim lying in Room 32, states the vernacular press.

The victim is the son of Mr. Chen Kwang-chan, proprietor of the Ta Tung Restaurant, 725 Avenue Joffre. Mr. Chen's amah carried the boy from his home at No. 1 Min Deh Li, Route Pere Robert, on August 31. The amah never returned. Several days later, the Chen family received a letter from kidnappers demanding ransom and it was then realized that the boy had been kidnapped, although it could not be ascertained whether the amah had connived with the abductors.

On Friday, the French police received a telephone message from an unknown person stating that the victim could be found in Room 32 of the hotel. The police broke into the room and found the boy lying on the floor, without any attendants.

FUNERAL

Mr. William Slater

The funeral took place at the Hungjao Road Cemetery yesterday of the late Mr. William Slater who passed away at the General Hospital on Thursday at the age of 47. Deceased at one time was a member of the Shanghai Municipal Police and the following members of that body who came out to Shanghai in the same draft as Mr. Slater, acted as pall-bearers:—Messrs. H. D. M. Robertson, V. Sharman, J. Barry, W. R. Chisholm, W. Pike and N. White.

The chief mourner was Miss Rose Mae Slater, young daughter of deceased, who was accompanied by Miss Dorothy Hodgson and Miss Joan Walker. The British United Services Association was represented by Mr. V. Sharman while Mr. R. Fyfe was present on behalf of St. Andrew's Society.

The services in the chapel and at the graveside were conducted by Major Walker of the Salvation Army, the prayer being offered up by Adjutant McIlvenny also of the Salvation Army. A wreath from Rose Mae was lowered into the grave with the casket, other tributes being from The 2nd Draft 1919, S.M.P., British United Services Association, Shanghai and the Salvation Army Headquarters.

Bomb Deposited Near Cine Theatre

Early yesterday morning a small bomb was found on Avenue Foch opposite the Golden Gate Theatre. It failed to explode and added to the number of similar outrages committed recently in the Settlement. It was assumed that the bomb was left unseen in the place by someone during the night.

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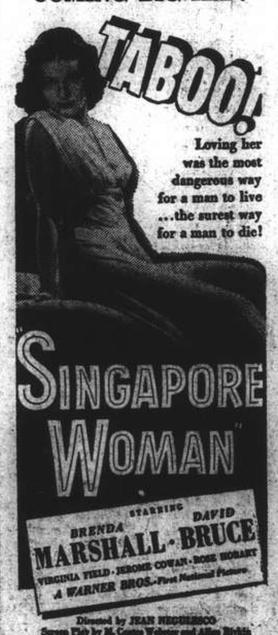

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SHIPPING NEWS

The **Dairen Maru**, came into port yesterday afternoon and docked alongside the Whangpoo Wharf.

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The ss. **Hsuchow**, chartered by the Toa Kaiun-Kaisya, came into port yesterday from Tientsin via Chefoo and Tsingtao and docked alongside the Yangtszepoo Wharf, Shanghai side.

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The Panamanian vessel **Fokgu** chartered by the Yamashita Kisen Kaisya Line, which came into port on Friday, has tied up alongside the M.B.K.'s Upper Wharf at Pootung where she is discharging a large shipment of coal.

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Due to sail at 8 a.m. today for Kobe and Nagasaki is the **Kobe Maru**, which came into port yesterday. Passengers will embark from the ship direct at least half an hour before sailing time. The vessel is taking mail both for Japan and Korea via Nagasaki.

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Terminating a two-day stay in port the **Naruto Maru** of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya Line is due to leave the Jukong Wharf at 4 p.m. today on her return voyage to Ningpo. The last boarding tender to convey passengers and baggage to ship will leave the Canton Road Jetty at noon today.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Tientsin M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Takuun M.	Japan	K.U.K.
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Hsin Tseangtah	Tientsin	Y.K.K.
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Kobe M.	Japan	T.K.K.

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Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Ningpo M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Haitung	Jap.	Chi Tung
Anwoo	Chi	Chung Hua

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Wake	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Gabrielle	Fr.	Yacht	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	Garden Jetty
Eritrea	Itl.	Cr.	1-3 B.
Lepanto	Itl	Gbt.	1-3 B.

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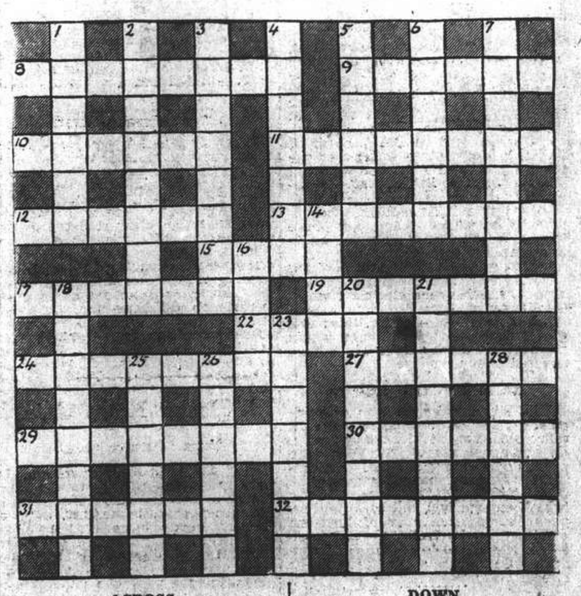

ACROSS

8 Doing nothing in the battle apparently
9 Solvers sometimes find it necessary to this a clue
10 Annoying
11 A bit of luck in a storm
12 Sweetmeat
13 A circle round a helper is gathering
15 Early O.T. character
17 Coax
19 Herbs
22 A boy, but very small
24 No ordinary handkerchief
27 Antonym of opulence
29 A parson might be mainly responsible for this kind of error
30 Plan
31 Complete in doing the right thing at the right moment
32 Did Mr. Lloyd George once talk of robbing this?

DOWN

1 Famous old master who was noth more than a perfect being
2 Not good writing for a school and half of it he has to keep c cealed
3 A kind of spinet
4 Ignorant (though perhaps learnec
5 The designer of the Clifton susp sion bridge
6 Epithet for an artful skipper?
7 Language, cutting at the end?
14 As well (though perhaps not wc
16 Vegetable
18 A capital matter for printers haps
20 A request to the little fellow f song is striking in appearance
21 Cask that gives sound advice boxer
23 "Hall toy" (anag.)
25 An Oriental levee
26 Exactness
28 Negligent

The solution will be published tomorrow

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Control; 8, Trickle; 9, Armenia; 10, Con 11, Eatable; 14, Abased; 18, Rainy; 20, Vienna; 22, Treble; 23, Avert; 25, R 28, Runners; 29, Premise; 32, Bullock; 33, Clarion; 34, Emperor. DO 1, Change over; 2, Numb; 3, Rank; 4, Leather; 5, Arrogant; 6, Acacia; 7, Al 12, Theft; 13, Banal; 15, Byron; 16, Sabre; 17, Dressmaker; 19, Air; 21, Aver 24, Trouble; 26 Airily; 27, Timbre; 30, Flop; 31, Boar,

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 3/16d.		$ 76.04
U.S. $100 @ 5 5/8		$1,593.49
Guilders	67/8	$100
Rupees	17½	100
Pesos	10 5/16	100
Hongkong $21		100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3¼d.		$ 73.84
U.S. $100 @ 5⅝		$1,530.46
London—demand, $1=		3 1/16d.
4 months' sight credits		3 3/16d.
4 months' sight docts		3 1/16d.
6 months' sight credits		3 3/16d.
6 months' sight docts		3 3/16d.
New York—demand $100=		U.S. $53/8
4 months' sight credits		U.S. $5 7/16
4 months' sight docts		U.S. $5½

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Sterling basis	@ 6d	per H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ basis	@ 9¾	per H.H.$100
Local $ (Fabi) buying	@ 205	per H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING Cash		BUYING Dec.
£ T.T.	3 3/16	4 m/s. l.c.	3 3/16
U.S.$ T.T.	5 5/16	4 m/s. l.c	5 3/16
Rs. T.T.	17½	15 d/s.	18

SILVER QUOTATIONS

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23½	23½
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	35⅛	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	65.01.0	—

Bombay offtake 500 bars.

U.S.$/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for Dec. 6	4.03¾
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	4.01
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	4.02

Foreign Exchanges

Closing, Dec. 5.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

N. Y.	332¾-332¼	London	1/5 1/32
Shanghai	173¾	2 mths	
Hongkong	84¾	„ sellers	1/5 3/8
		„ buyers	1/6 1/16

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	3 3/16d
Madrid	40.00	Bombay	1/6 1/16
Berne	17.30	Hongkong	1/3 1/32
Bel. Congo	176½	Singapore	2/4 1/32

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Spain	9.25	Shanghai	5.34*
Paris	2.29	„ free	5.50
Switzerland	23.33	Hongkong	25.31
Montreal	88.500	Hungary	19.85
Brazil	5.14	Manila	49.81 N.

London	4.03¾
Buenos Aires Paper	29.78
„ „ „ market rate	23.70
Montreal on London	4.56¼

N—Nominal †—Official rate.—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:		Dec. 5.
Fine Bank Bills,	3 mths.	1 1/32%-1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 mths.	1 1/16%-1 1/8%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 mths.	2½%-3%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 mths.	3% -3½%
Call Money		¾%-1%

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/32%B
	0 1/32%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 1/16%B
	0 1/32%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

U.S. Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 5.

Irregular conditions prevailed at the opening of the cotton market, with quotations ruling from three points down to four points up, compared with yesterday's close. Commission house liquidation and New Orleans selling were followed by a sharp rally on trade replacement buying and covering, influenced by the improvement in Japanese news and outside markets, with offerings consisting of hedging and profit-taking. The market closed very steady, with gains from 18 to 23 points registered.

After ruling easier on the possibility of Government loan redemptions expanding, the Chicago Wheat Pit recovered on replacement buying by professionals and the conciliatory attitude of Japanese reports. At the final bell, quotations were unchanged to ⅛ cent up from yesterday.

New York Cotton		N. Y. Sugar: No. 4	
Dec.	16.82-82 +21	May	2.67-67½ +1
Mar.	17.06-07 +18		B/A
July	17.28-29 +23		

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
Dec. 117⅝-117¾	+⅛	Dec. 75½-57½	—⅛
May 122⅞-122¾	unc.	May 81⅜-81¼	—¼

B—Bid A—Asked. —Reuter.

British Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 5.

London Rubber: Smoked Sheets, Standard, Ribbed, Singapore godown prices in cases, dec. delivery 10 13/16d. unch.; Jan./Mar. delivery 10⅞d. unchanged.

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, buyers £257 —¼; sellers £257¼ —¼; 3 mths, buyers £260¼ —¼; sellers £260½ —½.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Sales in Pesos)

Dec. 6.	Sales	Prices 9.45 a.m.	Prices p.m. Closing
Acoje Mining		.31 B	.31½
Amalgamated Mineral		.05½ B	.05¼ B
Atok		.53	.53 B
Antamok		.05 B	.05¼
Baguio Gold		.15½ B	.15½ B
Batong Buhay		.0042 B	.0042 B
Bid Wedge		.66	.67
Coco Grove		.06½	.06½
Consolidated Mines		.0056 B	.0056 B
Demonstration		.031 B	.031 B
East Mindanao		.06½ B	.06 B
I. X. L.		.12½ B	.20 B
Itogon		.23 B	.23
Mambulau Con.		.011 A	.011 A
Masbate Cons.		.07¾ B	.07¾ B
North Camarines		.034 A	.034 A
Paracale Gumaus		.23½ B	.23½ B
San Mauricio		.15 B	.15½
Surigao Cons.		.19 B	.20 B
Suyoc		.13 B	.13
United Paracale		.19½ B	.20 B
Mindanao Motherlode		.53	.54
Manila Hai-Alai	8.00	B 8.30	
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.80	A —	

Turnover 88,200 Pesos.
Shares Index 53.37.
B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

London Bullion

London, Dec. 5.

London Gold: Bar, Fine, per oz....168/- unchanged.

London Silver: Market idle, featureless.

Spot	23½d.	unchanged.
Forward	23½d.	unchanged.

—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 5.

Attention on Wall Street today was again focussed on the labour picture, taxes and the unconvincing African War situation, coupled with the unclear cut of United States/Japanese developments, and traders were somewhat despondent, with the list fluctuating narrowly around yesterday's closing levels, and the majority of stocks finished on the downside, while the volume was bloated by tax-selling.

Rails ruled uncertain, owing to the freight rates question; steels were inclined to move lower in face of increasing shortages; merchandisings held steady on higher department store sales; chemicals, farms and motors finished lower; and, tobaccos were exceptionally higher.

The market however, closed with a steadier undertone, with the volume of business done amounting to 980,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	116.44	115.09	115.90	—0.70
20 Rails	27.30	27.03	27.20	—0.10
15 Utilit.	16.11	15.81	15.97	—0.13

Dec. 4	5		Dec. 4	5
Adams Exp 8½	8½	Gt N Rly	23½	22¾
Alleg Lu 21½	21	Int Nickel	24⅝	—
Allis Chal 27½	27	Int Paper	15½	16½
Amer Cya 38½	38½	Int T & T	2½	2⅝
Am. & For 24⅝	*23¾	Johns Man	59	58
Am Loco 10½	10	Kennecott	33	33½
Am Metal 22	22½	Lib O F	24½	24½
Am Radiat †4⅞	4⅞	Lockheed	28	28
Am R Mill 11⅜	11½	Loew's	38⅜	38⅜
Am Smelt 39	†37⅞	Mont Wd	31½	30⅞
Am Sugar 18½	18½	Nat Av	8⅞	8½
Am Tob 49⅞	50½	Nat Dairy	14½	14⅞
Am Watrwk 3½	3⅜	Nat Dist	24½	24
Anaconda 27½	27⅞	Nat P & L	3⅞	3½
Atchison 26½	26⅞	N Y Cent	9⅞	9½
Aviation 3⅞	4	Niagara	1½	1⅝
Baldwin 13½	13	Packard	2½	2½
Balt & O 3⅜	3½	Pantepec	5	5
Barnsdall 9½	9½	Paramount	15⅜	15½
Bendix 38⅞	38⅞	Penn R. R	20⅜	20⅞
Beth Steel 59⅜	58½	Pure Oil	11½	11⅝
Bliss 15⅜	15½	Radio Corp	3½	3½
Boeing 20½	20	Reading	14	14½
Borg War 20½	20½	Remington	*4	*3½
Borden 18½	18½	Rep Avtn	4½	4
Can Pac 4½	4½	Rep Steel	17½	17⅝
Celanese 22½	22½	Rey Tob	25½	25½
Ches & O †36	35½	Schenley	16⅜	16½
Chrysler 52½	52⅝	Shell Un	†15½	15⅝
Coml Cret 23⅞	23½	Socony Vac	9⅞	9½
Comm & S 0½	0⅜	Sthrn Pac	12½	12⅝
Con Ed 14½	14⅝	Sthrn Rly	35⅝	35½
Con Oil 6½	6	Spicer Mfg	37½	*37
Cop Steel 12½	12	Stand B	4⅞	4½
Curtiss 8½	8½	St Gas	15	15
Dist Corp 17½	17½	Stand Oil	46½	46½
Douglas 70	69	Swift Int	21	20⅞
Elec Auto 25⅞	25½	Texas Corp	45½	45½
Elec B & S 1½	1½	Tw C Fox	8⅞	8⅞
„ $5 pfd *55½	56	Un B & P	9	8⅞
„ $6 pfd *59½	*59½	Un Aircft	35½	34⅞
Elec Pwr 34½	—	Un Air L	13½	13½
Flintcote 11½	11	Un Corp	0⅞	0⅞
Gen Elec 26⅞	26⅞	„ $3 prd	17⅞	17½
Gen Motor 36⅞	36½	US Rub	25⅞	25⅞
Gen Rly 13	13	US Steel	52½	52
Goodrich 21⅞	20⅞	Vultee Air	10	9⅞
Goodyear 17⅞	17½	Wood	23⅞	23½
Gt N I Ore 17⅞	†15½			

BONDS

Am & F P	68½	Int T & T	50½
Aust Com	66	Sthrn Pac	49½
Brazil	19⅞		

*—Bid †—Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices ruled weaker today on profit-taking but rallies scaled losses. Trading was around the 1,000,000 share level. Brokers attributed today's reaction entirely to technical considerations. Some switching continues to oils from motors and chemicals.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 5.

The turnover on the New York Stock Exchange continues around the million share level today for the fourth consecutive day despite profit-taking operations.

A late rally scaled losses and lifted some stocks to net gains for the day.

The brief reaction apparently was entirely technical. Traders, however, were encouraged by reports that Japan was anxious to avoid a showdown in the Pacific.

The gloom which permeated the Street during recent months started lifting yesterday when the market enjoyed its third consecutive million share session.

Few analysts believe that the current heavy trading pace will hold up for any length of time but most experts see no reason why December should not be the most active month of the year.—United Press.

Yugoslavs Wanted to Fight Italy

Rome, Dec. 6.

The President of the Tribunal at Trieste now trying Italians accused of attempting to assassinate Premier Benito Mussolini in 1938 at Caporetto yesterday read a document found by a German informer in the Yugoslav War Ministry at Belgrade stating that 2,500 Yugoslavs with Italian citizenship had volunteered for service with the Yugoslav Army in the event of an Italo-Yugoslav conflict.—United Press.

Bulgaria Fighting Serb Guerillas in Yugoslavia

New York, Dec. 6.

London radio claimed last night that Bulgaria had sent small detachments of Bulgarian troops to crush Serb guerillas operating in German-occupied Yugoslavia. It was believed these troops would assist the two German divisions now fighting along the Morava river where the Yugoslav guerillas were said to be in control.—United Press.

U.S. Dollar Notes Gain On Local Market

United States bank-notes advanced yesterday from $27.60 to $28.80. Military yen notes also gained, improving from $3.09 to $3.17. Cash gold bars opened at $13,500 and closed at $13,830 after they had touched the high mark of $14,200. Cotton yarn opened at $2,325 and closed at $2,190 high and low marks for the day being $2,325 and $2,170 respectively.

Commodity Index Gains

Washington, Dec. 5.

The Department of Labour's all-commodity index of whole-sale prices during the week ended November 27 advanced .1 per cent. to 92.3 per cent. of the 1926 average. This was compared to 92.2 per cent. for the week ended November 20 and 79.7 per cent. for the corresponding week of 1940.—United Press.

Financial Share Value

The statistical value of Yangtsze Finance Co. Ltd. shares last Friday was $25.39.

Shanghai Public Cheered by Continued Price Control

BY W. H. WIENER

WHILE high politics continued rivetting the attention of Far Eastern observers during the past week, local residents had to go about the humble business of carrying on their day-to-day struggles for existence, Pacific crisis or no Pacific crisis. It is with a feeling of satisfaction, however, that many Shanghailanders were acknowledging the increasing aid they were receiving in their endeavours by the continued price control measures as enacted by local authorities.

The first day of the week brought the glad tidings that the price of Hongay coal had been fixed by the authorities of the F.M.C. at $600 per ton, as compared with a price of $900 which had been quoted not so long ago. India coal too, which had touched record highs some time ago dropped from its all-time peak. The authorities of the Shanghai Municipal Council attempted to establish a similar procedure. Major coal consuming companies in the International Settlement had supplied the Shanghai Municipal Council with statistics of monthly consumption figures, and it was expected in distributors' circles that the Settlement authorities would adopt similar regulations.

Petrol Situation Worsens

Talking of fuel in general, one has to take account of the rapidly worsening petrol situation in town which has been brought about by recent restrictions in shipping. Although local distributors and importers of petrol had been quite optimistic for some time past, anticipating as they did the arrival of tankers in Shanghai, these ships failed to make port and thus it happened that severe restrictions were announced resulting in a halving of available supplies.

Following up its rice control measures with similar action on the flour market, the authorities of the Shanghai Municipal Council opened flour sales at $40 per bag. Although ships carrying Municipal Council flour have as yet not arrived, officials expected that stocks in the city would be sufficient to meet the local demand until further supplies would be available.

The flour situation was further improved by the announcement that movement of flour for export from Shanghai was prohibited. At the same time it was decided to make attempts at purchasing all stocks of flour which had been destined for export by local holders.

The registration of flour stocks has been completed, although it has become pretty sure by now that quite a few stocks have not been registered. It was proposed to penalize such holders by the refusal to buy their stocks whereby these supplies would be immobilized.

Price control measures were further tightened by the publication of the third maximum price list of the Shanghai Municipal Council and the French Municipal Council.

Retail Prices Drop

Earlier in the week, a report, released by the Shanghai Municipal Council, revealed that until retail prices had substantially declined although for a variety of reasons they had not as yet affected the general cost of living.

That the authorities of the Shanghai Municipal Council meant business could be seen in the temporary closure of five stores in the International Settlement. Most of them had sold various goods at higher prices than those contained in the official maximum price lists.

While the local authorities thus appeared to have the situation well in hand, they could not make Shanghai soundproof against the clamour of the Washington talks. Ebb and tide of the Pacific crisis was distinctly felt in local financial circles, and many local developments hinted at the dark clouds overhanging the Far East.

Responsibility Waived

As a precaution against anything that might happen here the Chase Bank informed its clients that accounts would be carried at their own risks. British banks took no action and hesitated to announce a waiver of responsibility, an action which could be interpreted here as an indication that British circles expected a showdown in the near future.

The wording of the Chase Bank announcement was not tender-mouthed, however, calling things by their proper names. "The amounts standing to our credit in your account with the Chase Bank, Shanghai," it stated, "shall be payable exclusively at your sole risk as regards any laws, acts, decrees, regulations, edicts, executive orders or other mandates, and any acts of warfare, seizure, confiscation, destruction or impairment of property."

"In the event the assets of the branch of this bank in Shanghai shall be so diminished by any of the foregoing causes that the remaining assets shall be insufficient to meet the liabilities of such branch," the announcement continued, "then you as creditor of such branch shall be entitled to receive only your pro rata of such remaining assets."

Stock Market Dull

Turning to the Shanghai stock exchange, one is bound to say that the story of the past week can be told in very few words. Operators were mostly holding off and awaiting the outcome of the talks in Washington. Comparing the closing rates on last Friday with those prevailing at the close of the previous trading period, one finds that the prevailing trend was downward, with industrials and shipping shares bearing the brunt of short selling and liquidation. Rubber issues held fairly well and although they too had to move to lower levels, their better position in the case of Pacific hostilities was widely acknowledged. The news of interim dividends to be paid by Java companies in particular was favourably received by local traders and operators.

Other local markets were also inactive registering little change over the span of the past week. Demand for United States bank-notes continued, although the importation of various goods not countenanced by the authorities of the Stabilization Board has met with nearly insurmountable obstacles what with intensified control measures and what with restrictions in Far Eastern shipping.

Striking the balance of the past week, one might say that Shanghai has been waiting for a piece of decisive news which, however, failed to make its appearance, until such time when the Far Eastern situation will be clarified, one way or another. Therefore, local operators are likely to sit on the fence and follow with apprehensive glances the course that political events are going to take in the Pacific arena.

"Free China" Speaks Her Mind On Local Exchange Problems

Kunming, Nov. 2.

THE various comments by "Finance and Commerce" on the method, or rather, the lack of method, of exchange control by the Stabilization Board have been followed with great interest in "Free China," states a correspondent of "Finance and Commerce."

When these comments are quoted by a news agency and wired to "Free China," the papers never fail to reproduce them in Chinese. In fact, all reports about the function of the Stabilization Board and the reaction of the market in Shanghai are published at great length in Chinese newspapers.

The influential "Ta Kung Pao" carried one leading article after another, both in Chungking and in Hongkong, devoted to the discussion of exchange problems. The opinion expressed by this newspaper, which is known as the Manchester Guardian of China, is supported by a large part of the Chinese people.

While from Shanghai, we read that the Stabilization Board is blamed for not having supplied sufficient quantity of exchange to meet business requirements, or, when supplied, has not been quick enough or certain enough to inspire confidence we have in Free China an entirely different sort of comment.

There is no dispute that the Board has not not handled the situation very well, in a technical sense, but that seems to bother the people in Free China very little. The question raised in Free China is always the more important and fundamental one of whether Shanghai should be supplied with any exchange at all by the Stabilization Board.

Figures and arguments are quoted to support the conclusion that in the interest of China as a whole, Shanghai should be left alone. The "Ta Kung Pao" is very frank about this matter.

The argument runs thus: Shanghai has an average monthly import surplus of some U.S.$7,600,000. This is on the assumption that all exchange bills from export are taken in by the fourteen licensed banks and are fully utilized to offset import. There is of course, no absolute guarantee of this.

The good-will and ready co-operation of the licensed banks are granted but they are out here for business profit; and there should be no great wonder if some of the banks sometimes use some of the export bills to finance other requirements which, in the opinion of the banks, are considered legal and justified. If export bills are used for purposes other than the cancellation of import requirements, the net demand from surplus imports will be more than U.S.$7,600,000 a month and the pressure upon the Stabilization Board will be heavier. That the Stabilization Board promised in the first month a total supply of foreign exchange of U.S. $5,000,000 is an open secret.

The "Ta Kung Pao" further reports that this amount has been or will be, increased to U.S.$10,000,000 a month. This increase is not reported in "Finance and Commerce," nor in other papers and is probably not confirmed. The Stabilization Fund has at its disposal U.S.$50,000,000 and £5,000,000 sterling. The initial contribution of U.S.$20,000,00 will be made by China. The total fund is, therefore, limited. If foreign exchange to the amount of U.S.$5,000,000 or U.S.$10,000,000 is to be supplied to Shanghai to meet excess of import, how long can we expect the situation to last?

Free China's Point of View

In the light of the above it is natural that the opinion in Free China, which is faithfully reflected by "Ta Kung Pao," favours a complete suspension of further foreign exchange support to Shanghai. It is argued that the British and American loans were granted to China to stabilize Chinese currency. The domestic value of the Chinese dollar has suffered more severe drops than its external value. The paper argues that the loans should, therefore, primarily be utilized in connection with attempts aiming at stabilization of the domestic value of the national dollar, e.g., domestic prices. Stabilization of the exchange value of the national dolar is, of course, desirable and agrees with the purpose for which the loans are granted.

But the pegging of the exchange rate by financing the surplus imports —as is done by the Board—is objectionable not only because of the high cost of operation and the impossibility of maintaining the situation for a long period, but also because of the mere fundamental thesis that the wealth and resources of Free China should not be used to support Shanghai, which is already as much lost to Free China as any other occupied city.

It is possible that in the first few months, only the Chinese contribution to the Stabilization Fund will be available for disposal. But anyhow the loans are not granted by the American and British Governments for the benefit of merchants in Shanghai. The loans are a liability of the Chinese people, and have to be repaid by the Chinese in Free China together with interest.

To say that American and British money is being used to maintain the exchange rate of the national dollar, the advantages derived from special exchange should go to British and American traders is, therefore, not acceptable to the Chinese in Free China. On the other hand, they think that there is no reason why money of the Free China Government should be used to maintain the exchange rate for the interest of British and American traders. Here is a great divergence of opinion between the interest of merchants in Shanghai and the people in Free China.

Stabilization Board Sandwiched

The fact that the Stabilization Board failed to eliminate the black market entirely, resulting in a heavy depreciation of the national dollar vis-a-vis American and British notes in Shanghai, regardless of the generous allotment of foreign exchange by the Stabilization Board, strengthens the argument that it is unwise to support Shanghai any more. Incidentally, the depreciation of national dollar notes against American and British notes is regarded with disproportionate seriousness in Free China.

The depreciation is, no doubt, partly, due to the nervousness of the Shanghai market, the news being spread by several news agencies that the Stabilization Board is a failure. Such news does not serve any good purpose at a time when the Board is struggling to work out its method of exchange control. The Board is really unfortunate in that it receives unfavourable comment from both sides.

From Shanghai, it is blamed for incompetent handling resulting in market confusion and business suffering. From Free China, it is blamed as having unduly favoured the importers of Shanghai at the expense of Free China. The Board is sandwiched.

Another Exchange Committee

Besides the Stabilization Board, we have now another Exchange Control Committee appointed by the Executive Yuan. This Committee deals with applications for exchange from official institutions only, while the Stabilization Board deals with merchant demands.

It is not definitely known whether appropriations authorized by the Exchange Committee will be paid out from the Stabilization Fund or not. Presumably there is no reason why this should not be done since merchant demands are met by the Stabilization Fund.

The Fund, as it works, now, is a reservoir that has many outlets and no inlet. Remittances from overseas Chinese are about the only important item that may bring about some increment to the Fund. At present, as the Fund is largely used to finance excess imports in Shanghai, the opinion naturally prevails in Free China that exchange from oversea Chinese remittances should not be given to the Fund.

It is, of course, not good to have another independent fund of overseas remittances, but so long as the pressure of Shanghai demand is heavy and there is no guarantee that these remittances once handed over to the Stabilization Fund will not be used, in one way or the other, for payment of undesired imports, the people in Free China are against putting all eggs into one basket.

"Finance & Commerce" reports that Mr. Manuel Fox once told an American importer, "If you don't like it, why don't you pack up and go home." This is straight-forward enough. From time to time, we hear that American Treasury officials do not favour the financing of Shanghai imports as is done by the Board at present. The same opinion is often attributed to officials of the British Government.

After all, the support of Shanghai from the official source can only be limited to a comparatively small amount. The great part of transactions will be balancing of imports against exports. The Board then should mainly concern itself with the elimination of market fluctuations and the provision of facilities for banking business, instead of hopelessly pegging a rate at a huge cost which in many case cannot remain long.

The success of the Stabilization Board depends upon the co-operation of banks and merchants in Shanghai on the one hand, and the Chinese people in Free China on the other hand.

Many merchants in Shanghai are candid and liberal enough. From time to time "Finance & Commerce" carries articles which readily acknowledge the present position and the necessity of greatly reduced imports. Nevertheless, I fear that this letter will be unpleasant reading for some of them. I have tried to describe the public opinion in Free China as faithfully as I can, and have abstained from adding my own comments.

The divergence of opinion between Free China and Shanghai is so great and so fundamental that I believe it is good to speak frankly, so that each party can better understand the other. Through mutual understanding, it is hoped, the situation could be improved and the work of the Stabilization Board brought to a success.

"Finance & Commerce" Ed. Note:

Since the above letter was written, arrangements have been made, in co-operation with U.S.A. and Great Britain, to guarantee that the foreign exchange resulting from Shanghai's exports shall go to the Stabilization Board.

Imports will be limited to necessaries, and the black exchange market has been eliminated. In these circumstances, Free China has little right to object to the comparatively small allotments of official exchange which are absolutely necessary to the maintenance of the well-being of millions of Chinese in Shanghai.

A Visit to Lenin's Tomb

But for Anna I should not have seen him—Anna of the high cheekbones and slightly slanting eyes, Anna in her spotless white blouse and dark tunic grey with peasant embroidery, Anna for whom the world that matters began with the coming of Lenin, says A. S. W. in the "Manchester Guardian."

We were standing in that famous square that is called Red, not through its association with blood or Communism but because in Russian the word means "beautiful." Ahead of us the hot sunshine of a Moscow summer evening gilded the seven fantastic domes of Ivan the Terrible's church. They say he meant to build seven separate churches, but even medieval oppression could not wring sufficient money from his people, so he had to be content with seven in one. They say, too, that, like the Caliph in "Hassan," he put the designer to death lest he should build another as odd and lovely. But Anna was not thinking of Ivan the Terrible. She indicated one whole side of the Red Square with a possessive wave.

"Crude Seat of Justice"

"Bad baroque," she said. "Soon we clear it away, widen the square, and put up modern buildings." I scarcely heard her, for my eyes were on that sinister circle of worn stone in the square's centre, from which through the centuries the commandments of the old Tsars were read to the people, and on which, too, offenders suffered execution or the knout. How often must the thongs have whistled on to a bare back while the crowd shuddered round that crude seat of justice.

Lenin's Tomb

Now the crowd had another interest. Along the side of the square that is flanked throught its length by the Kremlin's mighty wall a long, slow, silent queue moved forward in the heat, and as I took in its detail it seemed a pageant of all the Russias. The oddly assorted tower and roofs that top the Kremlin's prison-like rampart—Byzantine dome and eighteenth-century facade mingling in a queer harmony—looked out on a crowd drawn from races as diverse as those that make up the British Empire. A Don Cossack in his astrakhan cap paced beside a turbaned figure who looked as though he might have taken the golden road from Samarkand to Western progress at Moscow University. A parchment face from Mongolia partnered that of a wrinkled elder who might have been the family butler in any of Tchekov's plays. Soberly as a funeral crowd they moved towards the massive cenotaph in red marble whose dignified lines and rich colouring break the long monotony of the Kremlin wall. Two by two they passed the guard at the gate and vanished below.

Always, said Anna, it is the same. Always when the tomb is open the long queue. You will go?

I was in no mood for so macabre a side-show. My memory flashed back to just such a summer day in Lisbon when I had carelessly accepted the smiling invitation of my guide to view the "peekled keengs." I recalled the distaste with which I had looked on the rulers of Portugal for some centuries back, each in his glasscovered coffin on a high trestle with an electric light revealing here and there the victory of time over preservation. I had felt outraged that the dead should be made, for the price of a few escudos, a rare show for the casual tourist. I would not see Lenin.

There is, I said to Anna, no time. We shall be late for the opera.

For the stranger, said Anna surprisingly, we make time, and with that she had walked across the square and spoken to the guard.

A Visit to the Tomb

It was settled. The long queue halted and moved forward again with us at its head. Down a few wide steps into the gloom and turn. Down and turn again while the day grows chill. Down and turn again into a semi-darkness that is never lightened and an ice-cold air that is never warmed. Dim in the four corners of the chamber four Red Guards bowed and immobile. Between them and the body of Lenin the slowly tramping feet of the silent crowd. Up the left side go the pilgrims to where the light is concentrated on the face.

It is in death a friendly face, even commonplace. One has seen the little man by then in a score of statues, waving an indignant or exhorting arm to the skies on plinth after plinth, pedestal after pedestal; now dominating a public square, now defiantly confronting the great painting of Christ up the long aisle of what was St. Isaac's Cathedral. The clenched fist and the dynamic energy of the statues are gone. The face that confronts the devout, the curious, or the hostile from beneath the Kremlin wall would excite no comment behind the counter of a village grocer's or among the dusty shelves of a secondhand book shop. One may meet its like in any crowd in almost any land.

A Shrine That Draws

Odd, one reflects, that a man at whose name secure States have trembled as at a rumour of plague should seem in his last sleep so wholly unremarkable. Strange, too, that a Government pledged to the materialist view of life should make of the burial-place of the arch-materialist a shrine that draws its pilgrims from Lappland and Tartary. Lenin, no doubt, would have scorned the notion of this eternal lying-in-state. Or would he? Who, after all, knew better than he the importance of working on the minds of simple and, for the most part, superstitious peoples? Lenin preserved is Lenin still visible, if they can reach Moscow, to millions of Soviet citizens for whom otherwise he must have become a fading legend.

The sun had begun to slant over the Red Square when we climbed again to the bustle of the city, but that interminable queue paced slowly on. I think often now of the individual men in it, united in defence of their homelands as they could never be by the doctrines of Marx. And I reflect, too, with gratitude that from the unlikely little figure lying below the Kremlin wall sprang the plans that have made possible the dogged defence of these peasant peoples against the full weight of modern armaments. I forgive Anna for her insistence. I am glad I saw Lenin.

No Optimism Caused By Japanese Reply To Roosevelt

(BY REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Washington, Dec. 6.

The Japanese reply on Indo-China has occasioned no optimism here yet. Hitherto there is no indication whether the White House considers the reply satisfactory.

Some unofficial quarters think that the reply shows the first faint signs of a Japanese climbdown, for it is contrary to the belligerent statements of Japanese militarists and the press, if it can be taken at its face value.

If it cannot, and Japan begins an aggressive move against Thailand, then she stands self-convicted and still faces the combined force of the A-B-C-D Powers.

The fact that Japan's reply to Mr. Cordell Hull's memorandum has not been delivered in ten days is taken to mean that the greatest care is attending its preparation, for the Japanese Cabinet can seldom have formulated such an important diplomatic document.

The position here remains unchanged. The door to peace is still open if peace is to be based on the fundamental principles expounded by Mr. Hull, and it is for Japan to close the door or keep it open.—Reuter.

Japanese Legation in Mexico Not Closing

Washington, Dec. 6.

Japanese circles claimed yesterday that there was no intention of closing the Japanese legation in Mexico City, and said that various changes in personnel there were of a purely routine nature.

Both the Japanese and Mexican embassies here were without information on the reported closing of the legation.

The United Press in Mexico City reported that Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, Japanese Minister to Mexico, his Second Secretary, Mr. Hitoshi Sato, and the Military Attache, Colonel Yoshiaki Nishi, have been recalled to Tokyo "to report" on the situation.

The same report said that between 40 and 100 Japanese families in Mexico have asked the Legation for assistance in evacuating aboard the first available Japanese steamer.—United Press.

"Defend India Week" In Bombay

Bombay, Dec. 6.

A "Defend India Week" is to be held throughout Bombay province from February 22 to March 8 next year.

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TO-DAY'S WEATHER PROBABILITIES

Fine and cold weather with South-Westerly to North-Westerly winds around Shantung and over our regions. Cloudy to overcast with moderate Northerly to North-Easterly winds along the Coast to the South of the Saddles. Local morning mist.

	At Cathedral		At Siccawei	
Temperature yesterday	min. 39.0	max. 53.0	min. 34.9	max. 57.0
„ same date last year	min. 51.0	max. 62.0	min. 49.1	max. 65.8

AIR AND OCEAN MAILS

British Overseas Airways Service per steamer to Hongkong on Dec. 8, 9 a.m. registered and 10 a.m. ordinary.

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MARRIAGES

HALL-BEZOUARD.—The wedding took place on December 2, 1941, at the Church of Christ the King, by Rev. McGreal, of Nina, elder daughter of Captain B. V. Bezouard, to William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hall. -7919

McCRACKEN VOROBIEFF. — On Saturday, December 6, 1941, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, before L. H. Lamb, Esq., and at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Very Rev. Dean Trivett, M.A. D.D., Natalie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vorobieff, of Shanghai, to William Reginald, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. McCracken of Liverpool, England.

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DECEMBER

7 Symphony Concert, Lyc. 5.15
7 Betar 5th Annual Sports Dance, Bill Hegamin's orchestra, Floor show, S'hai Jewish Club, 722 Bubbling Well.
7 *Great Snow (Ta-hsueh)*
7 *Marshal Badoglio, Italian Chief of Staff, resigned (1940)*
7 *Jan Kubelik died (1940)*

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

10 B.W.A. Xmas Bazaar, Race Club, Ground Floor, 2 to 8
11 Royal Asiatic Society, Annual Soiree, 5-7.30.
11 Ballet Russe, Francesca da Rimini, Lyc
11 For. Y. Debate, 'Woman's Place is In Home', 9
12 Gipsy Soiree at Arcadia in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, 9.30.
13 Ballet Russe, Francesca da Rimini, Lyc
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15 Engineering Society of China, Meeting 5.45
17 Grand Concert, Levia, in aid of British Civilian Air-Raid Victims, Lyceum theatre
18 Cathedral School Speech Day, Myburgh Road, 5.30.
18 Rus. L. Op. 'Princess Chard,' Lyc. 8.45
20 The 4th Annual Rover Ball Sponsored by The 7th S'hai Rovers in aid of Anti T.B. and Baden-Powell Memorial Funds at the Masonic Hall 8.30
27 Hanuccah Ball in aid of Jewish Educational Aid Society, Keren Kayemeth at Shanghai Jewish Club, 722 Bubbling Well
28 J.T.A. (Middle Watch), Alliance Francaise Hall, 5
30 Jumble Limbless Fund, U.C. Hall, 9.30
31 'EJAS' New Year's eve entertainment and dance Masonic Hall, 1623 Avenue Road, 10

JANUARY

3 Exhibition of oil paintings by Boregar at 'Modern Homes; 871 Bubbling Well Road.

NOTICE

TELEPHONE SERVICE

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NOTIFICATION No. 5629.

RICE—RETAIL SALES

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By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS.
Secretary and Commissioner General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 6, 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 5630.

MOVEMENT OF RICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, with effect from December 7, 1941, no movement of rice of any quality within the International Settlement (and to the French Concession) in excess of one-twentieth of a zah (4 kilos) will be allowed without a Movement Permit first obtained from the S.M.C. Rice Office, Room No. 703, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 6, 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 5631.

PRICE OF COAL BRIQUETTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with effect from Monday, December 8, 1941, the maximum retail price for coal briquettes in the International Settlement will be $20 per tan of 50 kgs.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 6, 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 5632.

COAL BRIQUETTES

Until further notice no retailer in the International Settlement may make a single sale of coal briquettes to any one person of more than half a tan (25 kgs.)

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 6, 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 5633.

COAL STOCKS

A declaration is required from coal dealers and retailers of coal in the International Settlement in respect of coal purchased and sold by them which must be received by the Shanghai Municipal Council on or before December 15, 1941.

A form for the purpose of making the required declaration can be obtained from the Secretary, Coal Control Committee, Room 330, Administration Building, 193 Hankow Road.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 6, 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 5634.

REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL COAL

The Council invites all users of coal for industrial purposes, who have not already done so, to furnish a declaration to the Council of their minimum monthly requirements and of their existing stocks. The Council requests that replies should be sent not later than Monday, December 15, 1941, to the Secretary, Coal Committee, Room No. 330, Administration Building, 193 Hankow Road.

Statements of requirements will be investigated subsequently, and those who are found to have forwarded exaggerated estimates will be penalised in regard to any allotments which the Council may be able to make.

Declaration Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Coal Committee, Room 330, Administration Building, 193 Hankow Road, to whom the completed forms should be returned on or before Monday, December 15, 1941.

It will be assumed that those failing to submit this Declaration as called for by this Notification will not need the assistance of the Council in regard to future supplies of coal.

By order,

G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Commissioner General,

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, December 6, 1941.

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2. To receive the auditors' report on the matters provided in Articles 354 of the Commercial Code.

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C. M. BERKIN, Kuling.

NOTICE

The undersigned give notice that Mrs. C. M. Berkin of Lot 37A, Kuling, has transferred all her Agency business at Kuling to them during her absence from China and until further notice.

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Meteorological Report	Dec. 5 16.00	Dec. 5 21.00	Dec. 6 4.00	Dec. 6 8.00
Barometer (inches)	30.36	30.36	30.32	30.35
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.06	—0.02	—0.09	—0.11
at 32 F. „ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.15	—0.10	—0.04	—0.01
Wind (direction)	N/W	NE/N	N/W	NNE
„ (miles per hour)	6.8	1.2	5.0	5.0
Temperature (Fahr.)	50.0°	43.7°	37.0°	47.3°
Humidity (per cent)	56	78	91	66
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	3	5	M	4
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Dec. 5	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.40	+0.10	30.29
Temperature: min. 3.2° max. 57.2°	48.2°	—3.9°	45.5°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	64.31	—	43.48

Time and Tide	7/12	8/12	9/12	10/12	11/12	12/12	13/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.39	6.40	6.41	6.42	6.42	6.43	6.43
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.51	16.51	16.51	16.52	16.52	16.52	16.53
Moon rises at Shanghai	19.53	20.47	21.42	22.38	23.38	—	0.38
Moon sets at Shanghai	8.58	9.42	10.24	11.03	11.42	12.18	12.58
Flood makes Shai. (day)	11.46	12.20	13.00	13.58	15.00	16.15	17.40
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	17.05	17.40	5.42	6.30	7.32	8.50	10.30
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	13.40	14.29	15.09	16.25	17.20	6.00	7.04
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	7.77	7.64	7.43	7.20	7.15	6.78	7.36

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

Stat[illegible]n the morning of the 5th:—Siberi[illegible] anticyclone over China, spreading o[illegible] Japan. Moderate northerly to no[illegible] easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine and colder weather in China.

Sta[illegible]n the morning of the 6th:—Fine, [illegible]udy and cold weather. High and [illegible]y Pressure. Northerly breezes. —Sic[illegible] Observatory.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

(See top of page, right)

The [illegible]wing times apply to the Head Post [illegible]ce Szechuen Road Bridge, Earlie[illegible]sting at Sub-Offices is needed.

SU[illegible]AY, December 7.	Reg.	Ord.
Ninghsien (Ningpo)	9.30	10.00
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	9.30	10.00
Kwangtung Kwangsi Kweichow Yunnan and Hunan via Canton	9.30	10.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	10.00	10.00
Weihaiwei and Chefoo via Tsingtao	10.00	10.00
Nantung	16.00	18.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
MONDAY, December 8.		
Tsingtao and Dairen	*19.00	7.15
Weihaiwei and Chefoo via Tsingtao	*19.00	7.15
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India and Suez via Hongkong	8.30	10.00
Hongkong	9.30	10.00
Ninghsien (Ningpo)	9.30	10.00
Nantung	18.00	18.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki	18.30	19.00
U.S.S.R. via Siberia	18.30	20.00
TUESDAY, December 9.		
Ninghsien (Ningpo)	9.30	10.00
Shenkiamen and Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Manila and Honolulu U.S.A. Canada Europe via Manila	x 14.00	16.00
Indo-China via Saigon	x 14.00	16.00
Nantung	18.00	18.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

*The night before.

A Parcel mail (for Indo-China closes at noon on Dec. 9.

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